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# PROMISES OF A GOOD CITIZEN



I will vote at all elections.



I will serve on a jury when asked.



I will respect and obey the laws.



I will pay my taxes understandingly.



I will work for peace but will dutifully accept my responsibilities



in time of war and will respect the Flag.



I will avoid any group prejudice based on class, race, or religion.



I will support our system of free public education by doing



everything I can to improve the schools in my own community.



I will try to make my community a better place in which to live.



I will practice and teach the principles of good citizenship



right in my own home.

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Members of the panel discussion held during the Electrical Industry Conference in Washington, D. C. President Gordon Freeman is shown at right of Panel moderator, NECA President Oliver F. Burnett of Chicago.



# OPERATION



# HOME

**T**WO extremely important meetings were held within a month of each other in Washington, D. C. We say these meetings were important and they were—to all the citizens of our country—but to Electrical Workers and others in the building trades, these meetings had even added significance.

The first meeting was held on January 16 at the Mayflower Hotel and it was the “kick-off” in a nationwide campaign by Government and industry, to improve the “middle-aged” homes of 20 million American families. At this meeting sponsored by *Operation Home Improvement*, a cooperative venture of the Chamber of Commerce of the United States and some 60 trade associations and companies in the building, home equipment and finance fields, U. S. Housing and Home Finance Administrator Albert M. Cole, officially designated 1956 as “Home Improvement Year.”

Cabinet members, Congressional leaders and key members of the

White House staff, as well as representatives from unions and industry, were in attendance at the Mayflower meeting to lend support to this very worthwhile endeavor. The year-long campaign, identified by a spread-eagle emblem bearing the slogan “56—the year to fix,” is aimed at interesting more people in improving their homes and making it easier for home owners to buy materials and services.

It will be plain to our readers how such a campaign will be beneficial to all members of the IBEW, regardless of our branch of the trade.

Speakers at the January 16 meeting pointed out many significant points about the campaign. One stated that at the time of our last census there were 50 million American homes. Of these, 10 million were in slum areas, 20 million were in need of repair and improvement, and the remaining 20 million were in fair to good shape.

Administrator Cole in his ad-

dress stated that “no peacetime endeavor of the American people has ever had such assurance of universal support” as this home improvement enterprise.

John R. Doscher, Executive Director of *Operation Home Improvement*, estimated that 600 million dollars worth of national and local advertising would be tied in with the home improvement campaign by the country’s manufacturers, builders, contractors, dealers, retailers and lenders.

That, readers, is a very brief sketch of the meeting which launched *Operation Home Improvement*—a movement which we believe is going to be a great boon to all Electrical Workers, provided, of course, that we do our part to promote it.

The second meeting to which we refer in the opening paragraph of this article, was held on February 15 at the Sheraton-Carlton Hotel in Washington. This was the one that pin-pointed the electrical aspects of the pro-



Fritz B. Burns, prominent West Coast builder, is co-chairman of Committee with home improvement as its object.



Don Moore, New York, is assistant director of Operation Home Improvement, aimed at refurbishing.



Albert M. Cole, Administrator of U. S. Housing and Home Finance Agency, launched fix-up drive.

# IMPROVEMENT

gram and narrowed it down to our own field.

This meeting was entitled "Electrical Industry Conference on House Wiring and Home Electrical Modernization." Called by the National Electrical Contractors Association, there were representatives in attendance from every segment of the electrical industry, including the following: Edison Electric Institute, National Association of Electrical Distributors, International Association of Electrical Inspectors, National Electrical Manufacturers Association, National Appliance Radio-TV Dealers Association, General Electric Company and the Westinghouse Corporation.

Insofar as our Brotherhood was concerned, we were represented by some 40 International officers, representatives and local union business managers. International President Freeman was a speaker and member of a panel organized to discuss all problems involved in carrying out a complete pro-

gram designed to get old houses rewired, new houses wired more adequately, and to encourage the American public to "Live Better Electrically" by using more appliances.

During the course of the meeting, it was pointed out that a survey had been made, and by conservative estimate at least 20,000,000 homes in America require an average of \$250 each for electrical modernization, so that the families living in them can enjoy the benefits of modern electrical living. That is a total of \$5 billion in the home rewiring business. Many of our citizens are deprived of the appliances that would make their lives easier and more pleasant, because their present home wiring systems cannot accommodate the additional load involved.

This situation has implications separate and distinct from those affecting these particular consumers directly. Because some home owners can't use certain home appliances, fewer are sold and less



John R. Doscher is executive director of "Operation Home Improvement" with offices at Rockefeller Center.

electricity is expended. This then, has a direct bearing on those who manufacture appliances and wire and cable etc. and those employed in generating electricity.

Now let's take a look at the electrical contracting business and our men who do the work.

The total amount of electrical contracting business of all kinds done in the United States last year, by all contractors, was slightly more than \$4 billion.

We stated above that \$5 billion in rewiring alone, is immediately necessary in the United States. That means that the potential immediately-needed home rewiring market, is 20 percent larger than



This photograph of a session of the meeting held at the Sheraton-Carlton Hotel in Washington, D. C. shows a section of the several hundred who attended the Electrical Industry Conference, designed to promote re-wiring and fuller use of electricity.

the total amount of electrical construction done in any one year.

At the present time approximately 125,000 of our IBEW members, do approximately \$2 billion of this construction. This hypothetical case was presented at the February 15 meeting—suppose all of this home modernization work had to be done in one year. It would require more than doubling our number of journeymen electricians overnight and would require 1,250 new electrical contracting organizations in order to maintain existing relationships in the industry. This would be in addition to all other electrical work. Spread over a 20-year period this would provide full employment for an additional 12,500 journeymen electricians for each of those 20 years.

Now, to develop and sustain this huge market which could be added to the regular electrical construction business, the Electrical Industry is pouring \$8,760,000 into direct advertising and pro-

motion in the biggest sales effort ever attempted in the industry. And this is an extremely conservative figure. When secondary promotional activities are counted, this figure will be more than doubled.

The Edison Electric Institute is putting over a million dollars in its "House Power" program designed to sell 2,000,000 rewiring jobs this year. Privately-owned electric companies—190 of them—are pouring \$4,500,000 into a campaign to sell the rewiring idea to consumers.

The utility-industry wide "Live Better Electrically" promotion organized by the General Electric Company, will cost an additional \$2 million. And then other manufacturers, Westinghouse, Kenne-cott, Anaconda, Owens-Corning Fiberglas for example, and associations like NECA and the National Adequate Wiring Bureau are spending more than a million dollars to educate homeowners on the subject of wiring inadequacy.

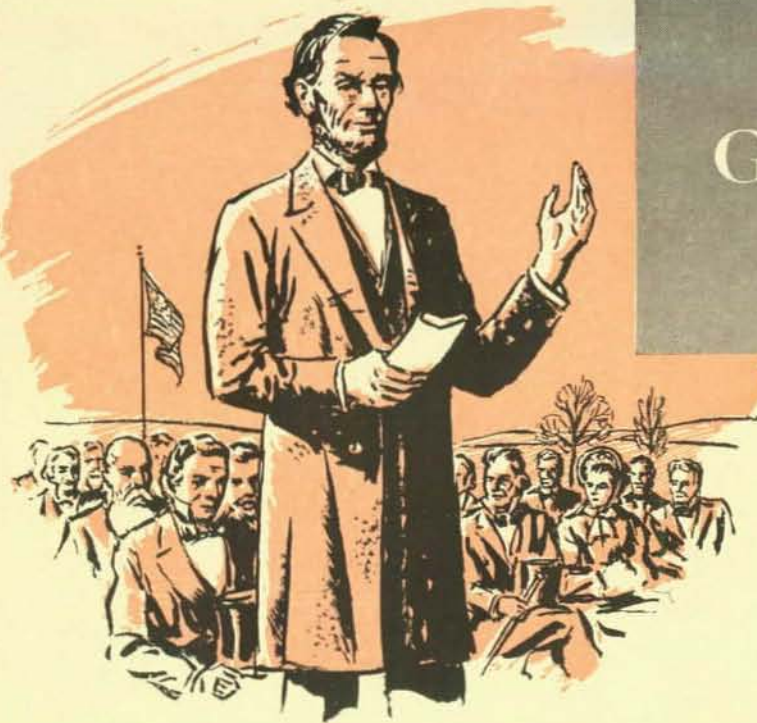
Now while this is a most extensive and comprehensive program, it was pointed out often during the course of the meeting, that this is only for the year 1956 and that 1956 is only the beginning.

The programs planned for 1956, alone, however, involve \$100,000 contests, radio and TV shows featuring selling stars like Dave Garroway, Arlene Francis and Betty Furness, and heavy advertising schedules in magazines, newspapers, on billboards and in the movies.

The long-range goal of the "Live Better Electrically" program, as one guest speaker put it, was to raise the United States standard of living by increasing the use of electricity in individual homes from a present 2,500 kwh annually to 4,500 kwh.

And now for a word about where we, the members of the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers, fit into this picture.

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# THE GETTYSBURG ADDRESS

**O**N NOVEMBER 19, 1863 President Abraham Lincoln, speaking briefly at the dedication of a soldiers' cemetery at Gettysburg, Pennsylvania, delivered one of the most perfect speeches the world has ever known.

These are the circumstances of its writing.

In July of 1863 a bitter three-day battle at Gettysburg had turned the tide of war in favor of the north. The price of this victory had been a terrible one for both sides — 50,000 men killed, wounded or missing.

The fall of that same year found 18 northern governors appointing trustees to establish part of this battle field as a cemetery for re-interment of these hastily-buried dead.

Dedication day was settled on— November 19th — and Edward Everett, a celebrated Massachusetts orator, was selected as principal speaker at the ceremonies. Then David Wills, chairman of the cemetery board, sent invitations to members of Congress, the Cabinet and to the President.

Actually, few of these personages were expected to attend, and it is felt that members of the President's Cabinet were surprised

when they learned that he planned to attend. But Lincoln felt it his duty to be present.

Upon the President's acceptance, he was asked to make a few appropriate remarks at the ceremony. And Edward Everett thoughtfully sent the President a copy of his speech so that Lincoln would know what ground the great orator would cover.

From the time of his invitation to speak, Lincoln had about two weeks in which, together with all of his other duties, to think over in his mind the things it would be proper for him to say on the 19th of November.

And he thought about it, and he took all of his thoughts about the birth of America and of the great suffering of Civil War that had come upon such a young nation, of the brave men fallen in battle, that America might continue to live, and finally of the future work left to be done. And he put all of these ideas into the pure, simple phrases of the Gettysburg address.

Then on the 18th of November, even though little Tad, his "best chum in all the world," lay ill at the White House, where his other young son, Willie, had died just the year before, Lincoln boarded a

special train for Gettysburg. He carried with him the first page of his carefully thought out Gettysburg address. It was written in ink on Executive Mansion stationery. (The legend that President Lincoln nonchalantly wrote his speech on a scrap of paper while on the noisy, crowded train, is discounted by historians as fiction.)

Arriving in Gettysburg about sunset, Lincoln went to the house of Judge Wills, where he was to spend the night. The house overlooked a public square where that night a military band played. Thousands of people had arrived and continued to come to the town, and serenaders wandered through the streets. Answering their call, Lincoln appeared at the door for a few brief moments to say about a dozen words to the crowds gathered there. Then he returned to his room where it is believed he corrected his speech and added a short second page.

The phrase, "under God," Lincoln added as he spoke at the dedication later in the day.

About 10 o'clock in the morning of the 19th, a procession headed by President Lincoln on horseback and consisting of military and naval officers, Cabinet members, Supreme Court Judges, Governors and other celebrities, made its way to the cemetery where a crowd of about 15,000 had assembled.

At the ceremonies, a Reverend Mr. Stockton gave a religious invocation. And then Edward Everett delivered an eloquent two-hour oration in which he covered great reaches of history, analyzed the causes of the Civil War and com-

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The demand for a man's services takes a severe drop after he hits "the forty mark." In order to stress their ability and experience and pool job-hunting resources, "Forty Plus" chapters are formed.

least \$5,500 a year; and must present a record of employment in responsible executive or professional positions together with appropriate business and personal references.

He is interviewed by a member of Forty Plus and passed on by an eight-man Board of Directors before he is accepted as a member. This is to insure to every employer cooperating with Forty Plus, that any applicant sent to him has the qualifications and experience to meet his needs.

Then, once an applicant is accepted as a member of Forty Plus, he must further undertake to give two days a week while unemployed, to the work and activities of the Club.

This work encompasses a number of things, from typing up resumes of experience, filing references, interviewing new applicants, and answering the phone, to preparing and mailing the placement bulletins which are sent to a large number of prospective employers monthly.

Our readers may want to know

## THE MAN YOU NEED

(Another in the JOURNAL's series on great service organizations.)

**"THERE IS NO SUBSTITUTE FOR EXPERIENCE."**

**T**HIS is the motto of a group of men in Washington who are doing a wonderful job every day of performing service—to themselves, to their fellow men, to industry, government and the public.

The organization to which we refer is "Forty Plus of Washington," a club which has branches in Boston, New York, Philadelphia, Buffalo, Detroit, Chicago, San Francisco and Los Angeles.

In November, we ran a brief notice in our JOURNAL concerning Forty Plus. It evoked so much interest that we decided to do a feature story on this organization.

Now just what is Forty Plus? Forty Plus of Washington is a non-profit association of upper level executive and professional men over 40 years of age. These men have a variety of skills and abilities and they all have good records in responsible positions. They have combined in a group effort to secure employment.

All Forty Plus clubs are self supported through membership dues. It pays no salaries, and it accepts no commissions or other compensation in connection with employment obtained by its members.

How does a man qualify for membership in a Forty Plus Club? To qualify for active membership, an applicant must be a citizen of the United States; must be over 40 years of age; must have earned at

Top officers of the Washington chapter of "Forty Plus" are Henry Carter, standing, and Edgerton Merrill, seated.



whether or not Forty Plus is something new in the employment field. It is comparatively new in some cities. However, the Forty Plus movement originated nearly 20 years ago in the City of Boston. In 1938 a group of unemployed executives and professional men decided to form a group and pool their efforts in the search for employment.

The movement had immediate success, not just in Boston but throughout the New England area. It spread to New York in 1939 and subsequently to other areas. Forty Plus of Washington, the group which the JOURNAL staff contacted, was incorporated in the District of Columbia in 1953.

Each Forty Plus Club is composed of three types of members—active, those unemployed and participating fully in the Club's activities; associate, those employed part-time or in temporary positions, but still in the market for permanent jobs; and senior members, those who have obtained satisfactory employment but who continue on the Forty Plus rolls, paying \$10 a year dues as a matter of good will, or as insurance against future unemployment.

Now for a word as to the great need for such organizations as

Forty Plus and the good they can do.

It is a fact well-known to all, and particularly to union members who have fought for seniority and the rights of older workers for as many years as they have been organized, that there is great prejudice against the "aged" throughout business and industry.

It is truly a great tragedy that here in our nation, the greatest country on earth, that opportunities are lavished on young people

who often do not appreciate or respond to them, and yet they are denied to more mature citizens who often have a great deal more to offer.

Officers of Forty Plus in Washington estimate that their average member has a minimum of \$120,000 worth of training and experience. It seems a tragic waste that such training and ability are disregarded by business concerns, often to their great detriment.

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Members of "Forty Plus" must agree to donate certain periods of time to the carrying on of chapter activities. Here two members of Washington chapter cooperate in office routine maintaining chapter files.

The activities of the chapters are administered by an Executive Board elected by the members. Here the board sits around tables in the organization's offices to discuss the policies of the group.



Facilities are maintained for members to use as they carry on their placement activities. This member is typing up experience summary.





War and peace in early America are symbolized by a pair of bronze doors in the Senate vestibule of the Capitol in Washington, illustrated above. On left are illustrated scenes of Washington's presidential career, while on the right, panels show his career as commanding general.

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## REVOLUTIONARY STORY

### ON BRONZE DOORS

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Fittingly enough, a memorial to the great Revolutionary leader of the original 13 states is installed in the Senate wing of the Capitol Building, in Washington, D. C. Intricately patterned on a large bronze door in the Senate vestibule, designed by Thomas Crawford, are the days of fire and revolution and battle during which Washington forged his immortal reputation.

Below six scenes from out of the most hectic moments of the American Revolution, devolving mainly about General and President Washington, are two symbolic depictions

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**M**ANY a great man of history has become great through his contributions to some great war of the period in which he lived. Some have won their claim to fame in the aftermath of war, as they guided the people through the confusing postwar days of peace which

are often anything but peaceful. So it was with George Washington, the Father of our country.

Washington's story has been immortalized over and over, by writer's pen and artist's brush, but in these pictures, a memorial in another media has evolved.

In the ceremonial garb of a Mason, President Washington lays the cornerstone of the Capitol on September 18, 1793. Other figures in plaque hold traditional tools of Masons.



Topmost panel shows death of Gen. Warren at Bunker Hill, first real battle of Revolutionary War, June 17, 1775. In less than a month, Washington took over supreme command.



Washington's first inauguration was on April 30, 1789, on balcony of New York federal building at Broad and Wall Sts. Some would have made him American king.



Washington was a stern disciplinarian and gave public rebuke to Gen. Charles Lee following Battle of Monmouth. Washington had personally rallied Lee's men.



Panel showing flower-strewn path for Washington at Trenton en route his inauguration. Sculptor Thomas Crawford also did heroic "Freedom" on capital dome.

Bottom panel of left door shows colonial farmer and family as a symbol of Peace. Sculptor Crawford also did the figures in pediment over entrance of capitol.



A little-known fact, that Alexander Hamilton was a hero of Battle of Yorktown, is shown in panel. Washington named Hamilton first Secretary of Commerce.

Last panel on right side, symbolic of War, shows a colonial farmer defending his family against Hessian mercenary, thousands of which were hired by British.



# EDITORIAL

By GORDON M. FREEMAN, *Editor*

## ***First Council Meet***

The anti-laborites, die-hards, and prophets of doom were subjected to one more disappointment when the new AFL-CIO Council met for the first time in Miami this month.

There have been many who have proclaimed to the high heavens that the merger would never work, and that the problems to be presented at the first Council Meeting would be so overwhelming, that this beginning of the merger would also be the beginning of the end.

The *New York Times* in an editorial, pretty well summed up the general spirit of the meeting when it said the "cooperation" among the Council Members was "impressive" and pointed out that all "the problems weren't solved by any means, but the way they were dealt with has strengthened the cohesion of the merger."

Chief reason for the success of the meeting probably lies in this comment by President George Meany. "Not a single problem was approached on the basis of either an 'AFL' or a 'CIO' attitude."

There were other results to come out of this first meeting which constituted "bad news" for the enemies of organized labor, for those who would like to see working men and their organizations diminish, in order that big business profits and prestige could continue to mount with never a hampering influence to mar any inordinate gains.

We refer to the coming great drive planned by the AFL-CIO to "organize the unorganized."

It is estimated that there are some 26 million workers who are immediately "organizable," employed in industries that are either not well organized, or who labor in non-union segments of otherwise well-organized industries.

The determination to organize, and the solidarity of plan formulated by the Council, present a formidable front to those out to wreck organized labor.

The Council went on record for promoting another program which is good news for the working people of America and bad news for special interest groups. The Council's proposals, designed to "serve the advance of human welfare, as well as to sustain full employment," recommended among other things substantial collective bargaining gains, a fairer tax structure, extension of the minimum wage law, housing, road and school construction projects, and an adequate farm program.

In outlining a dynamic plan to keep the economy

going at full speed, the AFL-CIO Council, scored the failure of the Administration to push vigorously for needed economic expansion during 1956.

Yes, the first crucial AFL-CIO Council Meeting is over and out of it have come a new labor solidarity and new confidence and encouragement not just for union members but for working people everywhere.

## ***About Our Utility Members***

Recently some statistics were called to our attention. Often statistics prove dry and uninteresting, but these happened to be figures on generation and sale of electric power which constitute the life blood of our industry, and therefore, are of keen concern to every IBEW member.

The year 1955, set new high records for the generation and sale of electric power. Electricity generation by all components of the electric utility industry totaled 545 billion kilowatthours, an increase of 73 billion over 1954. Electricity sales mounted to 479 billion kwhr, a rise of 68 billion over 1954.

In percentages, generation increased 15.5 percent, and sales 16.6 percent, the highest for any postwar year.

These figures are good news to our utility members, a large segment of our membership. Some of the reasons behind the figures, spell continued employment for our manufacturing members as well, since the phenomenal increase in household appliances, and the rapid expansion of home air conditioning in the past decade, have been important factors in the annual increase in household use of electricity. The past 10-year increase in use of electricity in the home was 124 percent.

These facts speak for themselves but their implication for the future is even more important. It is expected that the electric industry will exceed its past record and double its size, every 10 years.

Now in these figures and in these prophecies which have been made by experts, there is certainly a message for our utility members. An increase in capacity and generation is going to mean more work for present utility workers, and *more utility workers*. We hope for the good of the thousands of utility workers now represented by the IBEW and for the good of the Brotherhood as a whole, the additional utility workers will also be members of IBEW. It's up to us to organize those workers. We in the International Office and in the field, firmly intend to do our part,

but it is from you, the workers, the real grass roots of our organization, that the greatest organizational drives should come.

Here's the IBEW utility picture as it exists today. Approximately 85 percent of the physical forces employed by utility companies throughout the United States and Canada are members of organized labor. Of this number, more than 70 percent belong to the IBEW and in addition we represent some 10,000 white collar workers employed by utility companies.

However, that remaining 15 or so percent of unorganized utility workers is surely a ripe field for our efforts.

Out of approximately 3,500 utility companies throughout the United States and Canada, we only represent some 750. Yes, we have the big companies with large numbers of employees, and the remainder are for the most part small companies. However, as many of our utility members who have served on negotiating committees well know, these are the ones that give us trouble when we enter negotiations on the properties we represent. Invariably management points a finger at some nearby unorganized company as being in the same type of business, yet employing its manpower at a much lower rate of pay than IBEW members receive.

We spoke last month of 1956 as our anniversary year and of our hopes for a great increase in membership this year. The utility field is a vast reservoir for obtaining a very substantial increase in membership. We are looking to our utility locals to help us drain that reservoir.

Our utility workers are an extremely important part of the electrical industry. Without them and their work of generating and channelling the "juice," the rest of the industry would be useless.

So this month, here in the editorial pages of our JOURNAL, we pay tribute to our utility members and to the great future we see for them.

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## *Thoughts for February*

There are several commemorative dates in February that provoke our thoughts particularly in the light of current affairs. The birthdays of Washington and Lincoln, and also Brotherhood week, all fall in the brief days of our second month.

The furore and even rioting in some sectors, that have arisen with the problem of integration, make us pause and consider what Lincoln or Washington might have said on the subject if they were alive.

We know what they did say in certain similar instances in their own time.

Washington once coined this moving slogan, "to bigotry, no sanction, to persecution no assistance."

One hundred years ago, a group called the "Know-nothings" was organized to abuse and persecute new immigrants to America. And wise old Abe Lincoln had this to say about them:

"As a nation, we began by declaring that 'all men

are created equal.' When the Know-nothings get control, it will read 'all men are created equal except Negroes, foreigners and Catholics.' When it comes to this, I shall prefer emigrating to some country where they make no pretense of loving liberty—to Russia, for instance, where despotism can be taken pure, without the base alloy of hypocrisy."

These words seem to have a particular meaning today when so many of our citizens—well-meaning—and without realizing the harm that they are doing, have turned into hate slingers. These are men and women who profess to oppose communism and all it stands for and yet through their hatred and prejudice provide the Communists with the best possible propaganda ammunition.

We believe there are additional things Washington and Lincoln might say were they still alive today.

As the two persons who, above all others in the history of our nation, created and preserved it as the "land of the free," they would surely admonish their fellowmen not to destroy the institutions which have proved the strength of this country and which by their very existence have enabled us to live, and grow, and prosper. We refer especially to the Supreme Court of the United States.

We know Lincoln and Washington would urge with all their strength, support for this high tribunal which gives to the people its faith and security in the wisdom and justice of our Government. We know, too, that they would condemn with equal strength those so small as to sacrifice the good of all the people and the democratic process itself on the block of selfish pride and prejudice.

But by the same token, wise Washington and gentle Lincoln, knowing the conditions, the mores, the traditions that have created the situation as it exists today, would advise patience and understanding and feelings free of rancor for the good people of the South, trapped in a difficult situation, certainly not of their own making.

And we of the IBEW, in which the word Brotherhood is an integral part, urge our members, north and south and east and west, to heed the words of Washington and Lincoln, and to remember the principles on which our country and our union were founded. Doing that it can only follow that we will defend the constitutional rights of the humblest Negro in any state in the union, for in so doing we defend our own rights and the rights of every last citizen in the United States who might be in danger tomorrow.

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## *Registration*

There can hardly be a literate citizen of our country who is not fully aware that this is an election year. With newswriters and commentators headlining the "will he—won't he" controversy with regard to the President, voting is very much before the public conscience. However, to vote, you have to be registered. Are you registered?



## WORLD'S FAIR OF POWER

**W**ITH the help of the members of Local Union 134, Chicago, the General Motors' spectacular Powerama staged on the shores of Lake Michigan from August 31 to September 25 brought something new to Chicago besides the latest fashion in trains and tractors, earth movers and kitchens—it brought the large scale use here in the midwest of plastic pipe as an electrical raceway.

For Bob Ryan, project superintendent for the J. F. Fisher Company (Chicago electrical contractors), and the electricians on the job (all members of Local Union No. 134) plastic conduit was a new experience. The men found its light weight a distinct advantage. The coils were unrolled and dropped in a trench in a jiffy... an envelope of sand protected the raceway from damage during back-filling operations. On the 500 foot runs, the conduit was cut at mid-

point, a double fish-tape inserted and a splice made.

External sleeve type splices served as "couplings" between coils of conduit. Both ends of the flexible raceway were butted together, the external surface painted with an asphaltum compound, and a sleeve (of next larger size conduit) slid over the joint. Strip metal clamps over the sleeve kept the joint from separating.

Pulling cable through the flexible plastic raceways was a simple chore. In fact, most of the underground pulls were made by hand with comparative ease. Where necessary, cable lubricant was used on the longer runs and those involving numerous cables. On conduits up to 1½ inch size, cables were pulled in at ground level before the raceways were dropped into the trench. This meant a predominance of "straight-pulls" in large open areas without being

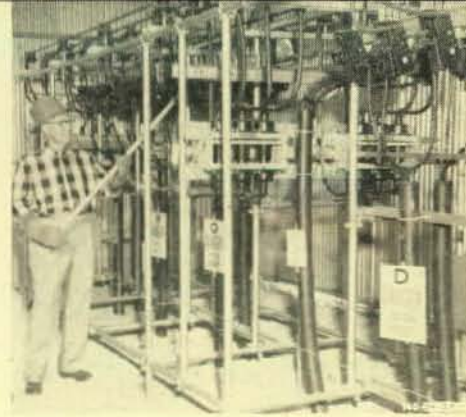
handicapped by elbows and offsets. Even at substation locations, conductors could be pulled through the conduits at ground level before the conduit and cables were trained up and connected to switch enclosures. Terminations of the plastic raceways at secondary switches were made effectively with standard squeeze-type connectors (normally used on flexible metal conduit). These techniques resulted in a substantial saving in cable pulling time compared with requirements of standard underground raceway systems.

The Chicago Electrical Code (one of the safest and best in the country) does not recognize plastic pipe as an approved electrical raceway, and the *manufacturers of plastic pipe* do not recommend its general use as an electrical raceway. However, it has many advantages for temporary installations

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Right: Flexible plastic conduit was used in the installation of the General Motors' "Powerama." Here two L. U. 134 members pull 14 No. 6 conductors for a stage lighting installation.

Below: Floodlights are put on top section of tall tower on ground. Seven such, 60 feet tall, had a total of 81 500-watt illuminators.



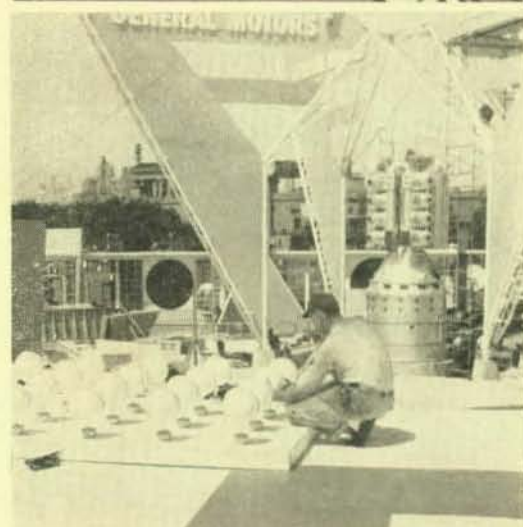
Above: Robert E. Ryan, a member of L. U. 134, closes switches to put power on for the GM "Powerama" show.

Left: Squeeze connectors were used at switch boxes. Conduits are trained up to box knockouts after cables have been pulled.



Above: This modernistic house camouflages a sub-station for huge stage and blends with other units on the grounds.

Left: It's a one-man job to pull communication cables through plastic conduit fed over a walkway.



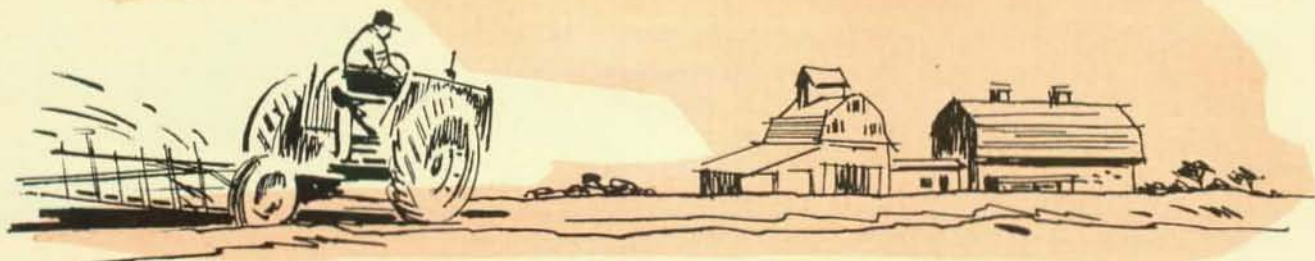
Above: This bank of 20 spots came to job already wired. Man here adjusts the lamps.

Below: Prefab house arises around substation and dimmer control equipment for stage while electricians are still wiring circuits.



Below: Primary cables go into plastic conduit. It was discovered two men could make pulls as long as 200 feet.

# THE FARMER AND THE UNION



**T**HERE'S a song in that wonderful musical "Oklahoma" by Rodgers and Hammerstein, recently transformed to movie screens all over the country, that has for its theme "Oh the Farmer and the Cow Hand Should Be Friends."

Well it seems to us that such a song with a slight change of words would be very applicable to our economic situation today. The revised song—"Oh the Farmer and the Unions Should be Friends."

Last month President Freeman had an editorial in our JOURNAL concerning the farmer's plight, and Secretary Benson's accounting for it. This month we want to elaborate on that editorial here.

First, we are extremely concerned with today's situation as it affects the farmer.

One hundred years ago, the work of five farm people fed themselves and one person in the city. Today, four farm people feed themselves, 12 people in the city and two in another country.

Three out of five of all the people in the world's population go to

bed hungry every night. But it is our good fortune to live in a country which can feed all of us and feed us well. We want to keep it that way. But meanwhile the farmer is dissatisfied, very dissatisfied. In the midst of what is termed a boom for everybody else, the farmer is getting less and less.

As labor unionists who have the best interests of all the people at heart, we desire a better deal for the farmers of the nation.

But then we also have another reason—a more selfish one. We have IBEW members working for R.E.A. Co-ops in many sections of the country. Most of these co-ops have a labor committee composed of a few members of the Co-op's Board of Trustees. They believe and are spreading the current propaganda being put out by Agriculture Secretary Ezra Taft Benson. The result? Our people are meeting stiff opposition from R.E.A. labor committees when it comes to negotiating wage increases.

And what is the Benson propaganda story? Well, as President Freeman stated in his editorial last month, Benson has tried to shift the blame for the failure of his farm program from himself to the labor unions. Benson would have the farmers believe that they are not being hurt by low farm prices and shrinking farm incomes, but by the increased prices they have to pay for farm equipment and other items. These prices, Benson implies, have been forced on farmers indirectly by labor unions negotiating higher wages.

This is not true. We want to pass the true facts on to our people so that they will know how to refute such arguments when they are presented to them.

These facts as we present them

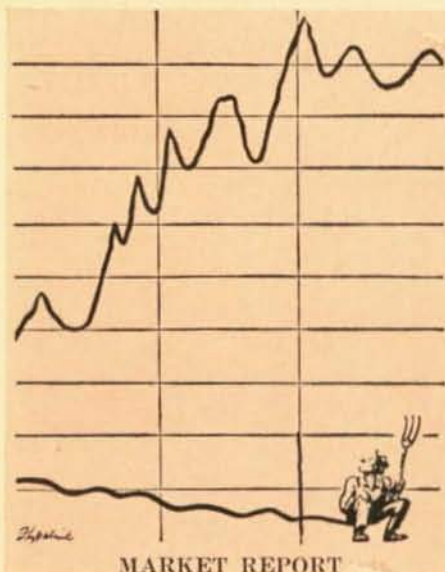
are not labor union arguments. They are the opinions of economists and farm analysts who strongly disagree with the Secretary of Agriculture. They report that farmers have been hurt far more by falling prices of the products they sell than by the rising prices of the things they buy.



The people who derive most of their income from working on the land constitute about 15.5 percent of the total population of our country. But these farmers, even counting the money received from government price supports, receive only six percent of the national income. While farmers are increasing their efficiency and production every day, their income keeps going down and down. Today it is running 27 percent below the figure reached five years ago, in 1951.

Since 1953 when Mr. Benson became Secretary of Agriculture, farm prices have fallen from 94 percent of parity to 82 percent of parity. During this three-year period, prices received by farmers for their crops fell 12 percent and for their livestock and livestock products, 16 percent.

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## KNOW YOUR INTERNATIONAL STAFF



*We continue our photos and brief biographical sketches on our International Officers and Representatives serving our Brotherhood throughout the United States and Canada.*



**C. R. CARLE**  
*I.E.C. Member—6th District*

Executive Council Member Charles R. Carle was initiated into L. U. 194 of Shreveport, Louisiana, in March 1926. After serving his local in nearly every office including president and B.M., he was appointed an International Representative in 1937. In 1947 he became I.E.C. Member for his District, a post to which he has been unanimously elected ever since. He has also been very active in the Louisiana State Federation.



**ROBERT E. NOONAN**  
*Ass't to Int'l Pres.*

Brother Bob Noonan is a member of Local Union No. 465, San Diego, California, having been initiated March 14, 1937. He served as business manager and financial secretary of that local union, and later as secretary of the San Diego Central Labor Council before being assigned to the Int'l. Staff Oct. 1, 1948. Brother Noonan has recently returned from a short tour of duty in Europe in the international labor field.



**M. J. LeBLANC**  
*First District*

Brother Medley LeBlanc is a member of L. U. 1524, St. John, New Brunswick, having been initiated into that local July 1, 1946. He served his local as president, and in other offices prior to his appointment to the International Staff April 15, 1952. Brother LeBlanc has been active in many of the organizing drives in Eastern Canada. He is married and is the father of a nine-year-old son.



**J. E. BOKI**  
*Third District*

A member of L. U. 1470, Kearney, New Jersey, Brother Joseph Boki has been an International Representative since April 1949. A member of the original committee that worked to bring IBEW affiliation in the Kearney Western Electric Plant, Brother Boki has had extensive experience in organizing, negotiating and servicing locals throughout the W.E. system. Brother Boki has one daughter.



**J. W. NULL**  
*Seventh District*

Texas and the IBEW are equal sources of pride to Brother "Jake" Null. Initiated in L.U. 60, San Antonio in October 1914, Brother Null was business manager and F.S. of his local when he was appointed to the I.O. staff in April 1937. Brother Null is married and the father of a son and four daughters. His hobby is ranching whenever Brotherhood duties permit.



**CHARLES McCLOSKEY**  
*Tenth District*

Railroad Brother Charles McCloskey was initiated in L. U. 834 of Hoboken, New Jersey, August 15, 1919. He was General Chairman of System Council No. 11 from 1924 to 1940 and President of Erie System No. 100 from 1937 to 1940. In May of that year, 1940, he was appointed to the office of International Representative on Vice President Duffy's staff.



This ultra-modern Capitol Records building in Hollywood employs the latest word in acoustical design to facilitate record cutting. The structure is 13 stories high.

## RECORDS MAKE RECORD

IBEW members are noted for making one type of building record right after another but here's a home for records that made some sort of new record.

Capitol Tower, Hollywood, California, is the new 13-story international home of Capitol Records. It is the first studio building ever constructed anywhere, designed exclusively from the ground—and even the underground up—for the production of high fidelity recordings.

This completely modern building, quite spectacular in appearance, is located just off that renowned intersection at Hollywood and Vine. The first floor of the 13-story building is given over chiefly to three large studios—the balance of the first floor set up to house tape and disc operations.

Only this studio floor is rectangular in shape, all others being

360 degree circles. Designed by Architect Welton Becket, this is the first such shaped office building ever to be constructed in the world.

Every precaution and every engineering device has been used in the designing of this building to achieve "controlled acoustics." This means that the general reverberation, as well as localized reverberation, is made variable by the use of movable panels which are reflective on one side and sound-absorbent on the other.

Wood is being used extensively in the studio rooms, rather than metal or plastic in order to obtain "effective tonal reinforcement." Michael Rettinger, acoustics expert, points out that a wood panel is able to vibrate over a wide range of musical pitch, thus supporting all tones without selective emphasis.

The floors of the studios are so-

called "floating floors," i.e., they rest on a resilient material known as asphalt-impregnated cork which absolutely prevents the transmission of undesirable noises or vibrations into the studios from outside sources.

Each studio actually is a room within a room, with outside walls ranging from eight to ten inches thick and inside walls a full foot thick. These completely isolated rooms will make it possible to cut down the outside noise level of a value of 90 decibels (a decibel is the smallest difference in volume of sound that the human ear can detect) to less than 35 decibels inside. This inside noise level is apparent to the human ear as dead silence. Since the sensitive microphone

circuits used in high fidelity recording will pick up the slightest sound, air conditioning, lighting, and other services required will operate at a quietness below the "sound threshold" of the microphones.

We give these details for the benefit of our many members who are "hi-fi" conscious these days and might like to know all the ins and outs of exact recording.

Further details furnished us by the Capitol Records Company state that as an integral part of the "controlled acoustics" design, Capitol came up with an innovation when it decided to sink its four shock-mounted reverberation chambers (commonly referred to as "echo chambers") underground and to the rear of the Capitol Tower. From these chambers, buried 25 feet into the earth and

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## Eighth Class Graduates at the I.O.



The Eighth Class for International Representatives was recently "graduated" from the International Office. Seated in the photo above are J. E. Boxi (3); Sol Miller; H. H. Broach; President Freeman; John C. Hood (6); Walter Reif; (2). Standing are: William C. Creveling (I.O.); V. L. Breuillot (9); Russel Lighty (3); Charles McCloskey (10); Jacob Null (7); M. J. LeBlanc (1); Russel H. Olson (4); H. C. Tracy (1); Lloyd P. Ritter (3). Numbers in parentheses denote districts. The first class was held in Nov., 1954, to train men for job duties and organizing.

### Improvement

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Well, first, this is a wonderful opportunity for every member of the IBEW. This is a program and a campaign designed not to help a single segment of our industry, but our whole industry.

Our inside wiremen will benefit in the volume of wiring work to be done. Our manufacturing members, those engaged in making wire and cable and all the "tools" of the wiring trade, will benefit from increased employment. Our manufacturing members engaged in the making of appliances will benefit from the increased sale and use of these modern conveniences.

Then, if the campaign is only moderately successful, our utility members will benefit from the increased use of electricity—since the plan is to nearly double home use.

These IBEW members will benefit directly in the *Operation Home Improvement* program. However, we believe our members in other branches—Radio and TV, railroads, motor shops, maintenance, utility office work and the

rest, stand to receive some benefits from this tremendous promotional scheme also.

Therefore we call upon you all—every IBEW member to help to promote this program in every way that you can. And, of course, the chief responsibility lies with our inside wiremen, for it is on them and on their ability and desire to take on this rehabilitation work that the entire program hinges.

At the NECA meeting in Washington, International President Freeman pledged the interest and support of the entire Brotherhood to this work. He promised that the International Office would do all that it could to provide more and better mechanics skilled in house rewiring.

Many of our locals have already begun to train apprentices for this rewiring work. Others have instituted classes to instruct journeymen in phases of rehabilitation wiring. Others are making plans to take in more electricians, make them members and send them out to do this work.

The work is going to be done and IBEW men should do it.

The International Office is fully aware that rehabilitation work,

house wiring, and rewiring is not the most popular type of work with our members, but it is necessary, and it is important to the welfare of our entire industry. Therefore we ask the help and cooperation of every local and every member in getting the job done.

If non-union men do this work today, we will live to rue it tomorrow. What they can do when work is plentiful, they will also do when work is not plentiful. We can't expect the work to be handed to us on a silver platter whenever it suits our convenience.

This work—this \$5 billion job—belongs to us. Our Contractors want union men to do it. We can't let them, or ourselves, or our union and all the rest of our Brothers and Sisters throughout the Brotherhood who would profit from the work of the inside wiremen, down.

*Operation Home Improvement* is under way. We know we can count on every local and every member of the IBEW to make it a success.

*(If the International Office can help or advise in any way, please contact President Freeman.)*

# ELECTRICAL WORKERS BEAT

## AUTOMATION

**A**UTOMATION is an important topic with union members today. It has proved a decided detriment to many of our members particularly in the utility and office workers field, who have had their jobs replaced by machine.

However, automation, whether we like it or not, is here to stay. There's an old wartime saying "If you can't beat 'em, join 'em." This, we feel, applies here and now to automation.

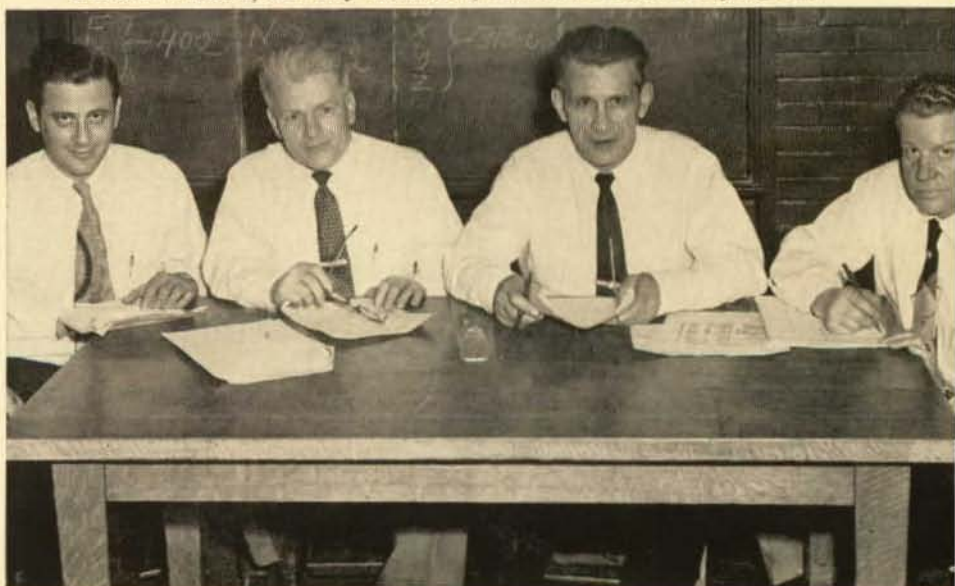
We, together with others in the labor movement consider automation with mixed feelings. It can bring advantages as well as disadvantages. It is, of course, our aim to see that none of our people are thrown out of work as a result of machine installation and also that the benefits derived from automation are carried over to the workers, in shorter hours and other benefits.

### Most Beneficial

The other facet to this picture of automation is one that can prove most beneficial to our membership.

These electronic machines expected to be produced and installed in large quantities, are going to have to be produced, installed, maintained and serviced, and that is where the IBEW comes in. Electrical Workers are the logical people to get this work if they are ready and trained for it.

Left to right: Marvin Yavitz, assistant director of training program; John O'Shea, L. U. 1 president, active in forming program; H. Lee Bruns, director of the program and secretary of L. U. 1 Executive Board, and Ray Lancaster, assistant director of program.



Thus we can't stress too strongly to our members all over the country—learn this work, train for it and go after it.

Now we bring you the story of what one of our locals is doing about this problem of electronics and automation. L. U. 1, St. Louis is our oldest local but it has always been one of our most progressive.

Faced with the problem of automation, it issued a bulletin to all members stressing need for education and training. That brochure said in part:

Research and recent experiences

have indicated certain trends that your Educational Committee feels should be called to your attention. United States Industry, during the war, started to feel a shortage of engineers and in order to overcome this have taken skilled technicians and placed them in positions formerly held by graduate engineers, moving their engineers over to research work. At the same time, development of techniques in Guided Missile, Electronic Brain and Atomic Energy programs have been applied to industrial plants creating what is commonly called Automation.

The recent trend since the development of these skilled tech-

nicians and specialists, has been for manufacturing firms to send these men to the field to supervise and install, where possible, their equipment. These men are classed as field engineers and erection engineers, etc., and DO NOT belong to our organization. Not enough of us are prepared to do the work ourselves so we are forced to the sidelines and if we don't do something fast we will tend to become "Electrical Laborers."

Now, what does this mean to you members of the I.B.E.W., Local No. 1? How are you affected? Many



A blueprint-reading class, part of the educational program of L. U. 1, shown in session. Members read blueprints one of the two nights a week the class meets and on the other night study some related subject. Through attendance at the classes, journeymen make themselves more productive on the job and with the added knowledge fit selves for better positions. The Local's action has been applauded by industry.

labor organizations are alarmed by the number of jobs lost due to automation. We, in the electrical industry however, are fortunate, IF we are prepared for the changes that will inevitably take place. Experts predict electrical power consumption will double by 1965. They also predict automatic factories and process plants will be an accomplished fact during the same period. The number of production jobs lost due to automation will be more than made up by the increase in production of electrical equipment required. Higher skilled wiremen, residential and maintenance men should be in demand for highly complicated control circuits for the modern electrical homes and to install modern electrical equipment. The opportunities ahead for each of us to advance and for our local to progress and grow are more numerous than in any other field. To take advantage we must become much better prepared than we are now.

#### Preparing Course

Your Educational Committee believes a comprehensive educational program conducted at the Hadley Vocational School at night is the best answer. We are preparing a complete course—one that will

probably take a minimum of three years to complete, but when you have completed we feel you will have become "Practical Engineers," highly trained, skilled personnel that our Local can sell easily to industry.

Following that announcement St. Louis and Local No. 1 broke all records as 400 applicants crowded the halls of the Herbert Hadley Vocational Trades School on January 29 to register for the new Local No. 1 school for practical electrical engineers. Classes began a week later—but these 400

men wanted to be assured a place in the classes which are proving so helpful and practical for new and older electricians.

#### Specialized Classes

These specialized training classes were conceived by Business Manager Ed Redemeier and President John O'Shea when they began receiving numerous telephone calls for electricians trained in specialized fields, particularly electronics. Since the motto of Local No. 1 is "Electrical work for the Electrical

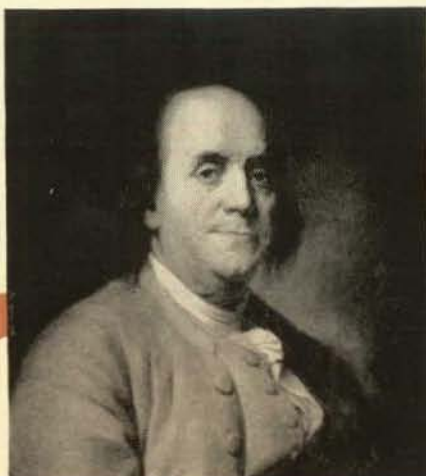
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One of the first night classes in elementary electronics being taught in the educational program sponsored by Local 1, St. Louis. At present there are four classes weekly with others planned. Teachers are Local 1 members.

The story of

# POOR RICHARD



**I**T HAS BEEN 250 years since Benjamin Franklin was born in Milk Street, Boston (January 17, 1706), one of 10 children of Josiah Franklin and his second wife, Abiah Folger Franklin.

Destined to become one of the most remarkable men America has produced, he played his part in history as scientist and inventor, printer and author, sage, patriot and statesman.

But his fame would have been world-wide had he done nothing more than produce his annual *Poor Richard's Almanack* (during the years 1732-1757).

The spokesman which Franklin created for this *Almanack* was Poor Dick or Richard Saunders, a philomath and star-gazer pressed into almanac-making in order to provide food and clothing for himself and his wife, Bridget. As con-

vincing a literary character as was ever a Quixote or a Crusoe, Poor Richard soon heard his sayings echoed by almost every mid-18th century American.

Current discussions, particularly on thrift, would be won with statements beginning "as Poor Richard says," and ending with such a maxim as "Necessity never made a good bargain," or "Beware of little expenses. A small leak will sink a great ship."

The almanac-publishing business proved a true monetary success to the real Poor Richard. For Franklin sold about 10,000 copies a year. His *Almanack* became the most widely read in the colonies, rewarding its readers as it did, with a wealth of "proverbs, homely wisdom and common sense of great practical value" for their small investment.

In 1757 the best of the sayings and proverbs which Franklin had gathered from the world's "storehouse of aphorisms" and put into the homely words of Poor Richard, were assembled by him into the *Way to Wealth* or *Father Abraham's Speech*.

Published in the *Almanack* of that year, *Father Abraham's Speech at the Auction*, spread the fame of Poor Richard through Europe. In England it is said that this work was printed in broadsides and posted on walls, while in France it was translated and enjoyed a wide circulation among the French people.

Eventually the sayings from Poor Richard such as: "Rather go to bed supperless than rise in debt," and "For age and want, save while you may; no morning sun lasts a whole day," or even

"Experience keeps a dear school, but fools will learn in no other, and scarce in that," or "If you will not hear reason, she'll surely rap your knuckles," gradually came to be translated into many languages and quoted around the world.

But let's look for awhile into the other activities of the creator of the wise Poor Richard, and see what sort of a man was this Benjamin Franklin who had through his ingenious almanac put what sayings he would on the lips of his contemporaries. We will soon find that life passed through him as sunlight through a prism to emerge in as many colors and tones as a rainbow.

It is recalled that it was Franklin who proved lightning and electricity to be the same. He it was who built the first copperplate printing press in America, and invented the first good stove. It was Franklin who organized a fire brigade and police force in Phila-

delphia, where he also set up the foundations of what was to become the Philadelphia public library. He had a hand in starting the school which later became the University of Pennsylvania, established the first insurance company in Philadelphia, and helped build the first hospital in that city.

Through self-education (he had very little official schooling) Franklin became through a lifetime of dedication to self-improvement, one of the most learned men in the world. (An example of his diligence in the search for knowledge is the fact that beginning in 1733 he taught himself to read French, Spanish, Italian and Latin.) He received honorary degrees from the greatest universities of America and Europe. He had a part in founding the American Philosophical Society and organized the *Junto*, a club for discussion of politics, morals and natural philosophy.

In 1730 began the success of his

weekly, the *Pennsylvania Gazette*, paper for which, as a hearty advocate of thrift, he trundled home in a wheelbarrow. At the same time, he made his own ink and cast his own type. The *Gazette* finally came to have the largest circulation in America.

He served as a member of the Pennsylvania assembly, as Postmaster of the colonies and was a delegate to the Albany Convention, which was held to arrange a plan of protection for the colonies against the French and Indians.

Franklin sailed for England in 1756 where he worked to correct some of the grievances of the colony of Pennsylvania, and while there helped bring about the repeal of the odious Stamp Act which had so embittered the colonies. He remained in England until 1775, where he came to represent others of the colonies and served in effect as a sort of "Ambassador extra-

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JULIE AND THE

# Golden Heart

(CHILDREN'S STORY)



ALL the children at St. Ann's orphanage were very excited. You see there was going to be a very wonderful show—a show with clowns and trained poodle dogs and all sorts of fine acts. And Miss Martha, who was in charge of the orphanage, said all the children at the orphanage were invited and that there would be ice cream for all of them after the show.

Yes, all the children at St. Ann's were very excited and very pleased, because parties are few and far between for the little children in orphans' homes who have no mothers and fathers to look after them.

And of all the children little Julie was most excited of all. Julie washed her face and hands and put on her very best dress and brushed her hair just as Miss

Martha had told them all to do. Julie's dress was old and was getting too short for her now that she was nine, but it was all she had.

When she was all ready to go, Julie opened the little locker in the dormitory where she kept her few belongings, and took out a little box. She opened it slowly. It held her dearest possession—a little gold locket shaped like a heart with a bright red ruby in the center.

Millie Ann who had the next bed to Julie's, saw her take out the locket.

"O Julie," she said, "are you going to wear your little gold heart today? May I look at it?"

"Yes," said Julie, holding the little heart up by its golden chain for Millie Ann to see. "Miss Martha says we are going to have a grand party and lots of kind people are going to be there. And oh, Millie Ann, I want to look my best because then someone might want to adopt me."

"Oh Julie, people don't want to adopt big children, only little babies," said Millie Ann.

And little Julie turned her head away and a hot tear rolled down her cheek. For she did so much want a mother and daddy to love her.

"I guess there isn't any hope,"



said Julie to herself, because Millie Ann was 12 and she ought to know.

Right after lunch Miss Martha had all the little boys and girls at the orphanage line up outside, two by two, and they marched out to the busses that were to take them to the big hall where the show was to take place.

It really was a wonderful party and all the children had a grand time. There were two funny little midgets who did tumbling tricks and an elephant that danced and a circus horse that did arithmetic by tapping out answers with his hoof.

And there were lots of nice ladies and gentlemen around who talked to the children and gave them ice cream and cake and made them feel at home.

While Julie was having her ice cream and cake, a nice looking gentleman came and sat down beside her and started to talk.

"What's your name, little girl?" he asked.

"Julie, sir," she answered.

"Julie," the gentleman said. "I like that name. It is my wife's name and the name of the little daughter we had, who was drowned as a baby. She'd be just about your age now."

"I was almost drowned when I was a baby," said Julie. "Miss Martha at the orphanage said my mother and daddy were lost in the big flood and it was only by a miracle that I was saved."

All of a sudden, Julie realized that the nice gentleman was staring at her and suddenly he said in an excited voice: "That locket child! The little heart! Where did you get it?"

"Why Miss Martha said it was caught in the lace on my dress when they brought me to the orphanage after the flood. It's my dearest treasure. And look inside."

Julie took the little heart from around her neck and opened it.

"It says 'Julie' inside and that's why they named me 'Julie.'"

By this time the gentleman was looking at Julie in amazement as if he were seeing a ghost. He

reached out and took the locket from her hand. His heart beat very fast and he was almost afraid to look—but there it was—the words engraved inside the heart "To Julie from Jim, February 14, 1944." His gift to his wife on Valentine Day, the day they had been married.

Tears came into the gentle-

and daddy, sir? Were you their friend before they were drowned? Could you tell me about them, what they were like?" Julie asked all the questions in one breath.

"Little Julie," the man said very gently, "I am your daddy. This locket proves it. Your mother was wearing it on the day of the flood. We thought we



man's eyes. He took Julie's little face in his two hands and looked at it for a long time. And Julie wasn't frightened. She was pleased, for deep inside she knew that here was someone who loved her, loved her as she had never been loved before in the nine years of her lonely life at St. Ann's.

Finally, the gentleman spoke. "It's a miracle!" he said. "I can see it now. You are very like your mother, my dear. Somehow you were not drowned when you were lost from us in that terrible storm."

Julie didn't know what the gentleman meant.

"Oh did you know my mother

could not possibly be saved and we tossed you to a man who was swept by us in an over crowded rowboat. We thought you might have a chance with him. Just before we wrapped you up and threw you, our little baby girl to him, your mother fastened her locket on your little dress."

"Later, when your mother and I thought we could not hang on to the roof top to which we clung another minute, we were rescued."

"For all these years we thought you were drowned."

And then Julie's Daddy took her in his arms and just hugged and hugged her and little Julie had never been so happy.

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# With the Ladies



## Household Helps

**Q**UITE often our faithful readers of the Ladies Page write us very nice encouraging letters and we do appreciate them. We have often asked for suggestions and often receive them. A number of our readers in recent months have asked for shortcuts and suggestions that will make housekeeping easier. Here are a whole pageful of miscellaneous "Household Hints" which we have found helpful and may prove so to you.

### House Cleaning

After painting window sills, apply a coat of wax. This will keep dirt and moisture from penetrating their surface and also they can be dusted off instead of washed.

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Windows are much easier to clean if you moisten a rag with a little glycerine. They'll stay clean longer too.

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Mirrors can be cleaned and shined at the same time by adding a little borax to the water used to wash them.

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White spots on your shellacked floors (usually caused by spilled water) can be removed easily with a cloth moistened with equal parts of denatured alcohol and turpentine.

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Now this sounds like a crazy one—but good! Soft chunks of bread rubbed over wallpaper in even, verti-

cal strokes, will clean away soiled spots—even greasy finger marks.



### Cooking Tips

The odor of cooking turnips can be lessened by adding a teaspoonful of sugar to the water. They'll have a better flavor too.

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To make fruit dessert go further, add cubes of jello. Looks pretty served in sherbet glasses and tastes good too.

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To keep your brown sugar from becoming hard and dry, keep it in a glass jar with a piece of apple. The same prescription will work for cookies that have become hard and dry.

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You don't have to add sugar to sweeten peas. It's cheaper and tastier to cook the peas with a few of the empty pods. Incidentally these pea pods you ordinarily throw away add flavor to soup.

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To get attractive scalloped edges on your thin cucumber slices, just run the tines of a fork lengthwise down the sides of the peeled (or unpeeled as you prefer) cucumber. Then slice.

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Want to know how the Chinese restaurants get their rice to stay separate and white? Add a teaspoonful of lemon to each quart of water when you're cooking it.

Do you ever make a soggy fruit or pumpkin pie? Here's how not to—. Just brush the sides and bottom crust with beaten white of egg. Then sprinkle lightly with flour, and add the filling.

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### Odd Jobs Around the House

If you have to putty your windows, mix the putty with paint the same color as the frames. Then you don't have to touch up the putty afterward.

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Got a window that sticks? A thin coating of beeswax on the pulley stiles will make it slide easily.

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A pail of water set inside a freshly painted room will make the odor vanish sooner.

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You can make your repair jobs go more quickly by rubbing nails and screws you are using for the job with soap. They go in much more easily.

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### Salvaging Things

Do you have two or three shabby, worn out old blankets cluttering up your bedding shelves? Stitch them together and cover with cotton print. You'll then have a nice warm comforter.



If you crack a favorite dish or plate, put it in a pan of milk and boil gently for 45 minutes. Not only will the crack disappear, the dish will actually be strengthened.

## Auxiliary News

Many of our faithful auxiliaries have not been so faithful in sending in notes for our JOURNAL recently. But then we've also been crowded for space. Beginning here in our February 1956 issue, however, we hope to carry a few notes from our auxiliaries every month.

Here are a few brief notes we've been saving. Send in your letters ladies, they are most welcome and from now on we'll try to print them monthly.

**CALIFORNIA STATE ASSOCIATION OF AUXILIARIES, SAN DIEGO, CALIF.**—The California State Association of I.B.E.W. Auxiliaries was formed on August 13, 1955, at the Hotel Manor in San Diego where the auxiliaries met in conjunction with the convention. A constitution was adopted and officers were elected.

The officers are: president, Gertrude Alcaez, auxiliary to Local 569; Northern District vice president, Catherine Messer, auxiliary to Local 340; Central California vice president (to be elected at the next meeting); Southern California vice president, Lonnie McCall, auxiliary to Local 11; treasurer, Jeannette McCann, auxiliary to Local 569; trustee for Northern California, Geneva Maas, auxiliary to Local 340; trustee for Central California (to be elected at the next meeting); trustee for Southern California, Norma Middlebrook, auxiliary to Local 441.

The officers were installed by Ivan Beacon, president of the California State Association of Electrical Workers, who complimented the ladies on the good work of their organizations.

Following installation, President Alcaez named the following Standing Committees and Chairmen: Legislation, Mabel Small, auxiliary to Local 569; Union Label, Grace Gatch, auxiliary to Local 11; Education and Program, Pauline Hughes, auxiliary to Local 465; and Publicity, Isabel McMillin, auxiliary to Local 465 (Escondido Branch).

Mrs. Zella Crown, vice chairman of the Democratic State Central Committee, 30th Congressional District, and California chairman for the *Democratic Digest* drive, was called upon to introduce Mrs. Elizabeth

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## Italian Recipes

Since our Woman's Page this month is in response to several requests, we thought we'd make the Recipe Box answer a request too.

One of our readers recently wrote saying, "We like to entertain our friends by having suppers and serving Italian dishes. Will you send me some recipes." Here are a few Italian favorites.

### SPAGHETTI WITH MEAT SAUCE

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| 1 lb. spaghetti                | 1 large can tomatoes                     |
| $\frac{1}{2}$ clove garlic     | $\frac{1}{2}$ cup grated Pecorino cheese |
| $\frac{1}{2}$ lb. chopped beef | 4 tbs. olive oil                         |
| 1 chopped onion                | $\frac{1}{2}$ cup chopped mushrooms      |
| 2 tsp. chopped parsley         | Salt and pepper to taste                 |

Fry chopped beef in hot oil about 10 minutes or until slightly brown. Add garlic, onion, mushrooms, and parsley; sauté for 10 minutes. Stir occasionally. Add salt, pepper, and tomatoes; simmer one hour or until sauce is of thick consistency.

Cook spaghetti 20 minutes in five quarts of rapidly boiling salted water. Drain. Place on heated serving dish; add hot sauce; sprinkle with grated Pecorino cheese. Serves four to six.

### PIZZA PIE

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| 1 lb. flour          | 1 cake yeast                             |
| 1 tsp. salt          | 2 tbs. olive oil                         |
| 1 cup lukewarm water | 2 cups tomato sauce                      |
| 8 anchovy filets     | $\frac{1}{2}$ cup grated Pecorino cheese |

Dissolve yeast in lukewarm water. Place sifted flour and salt on board; add dissolved yeast. Knead thoroughly for 15 minutes. Add oil; continue kneading until smooth ball is obtained. Cover well. Set aside in warm place about three hours or until dough has raised to double its size.

In the meantime, prepare plain tomato sauce (see below). Cut anchovies into small pieces; add to sauce when done.

When dough has raised, spread in large well-greased baking pan about  $\frac{1}{2}$  to  $\frac{3}{4}$  inches thick. Dent here and there with finger tips. Pour generous layer of sauce over dough; sprinkle liberally with grated Pecorino cheese. Bake in hot oven for  $\frac{1}{2}$  hour. Lower heat; continue baking for 15 minutes or until pizza is golden brown.

Remove from oven; serve very hot. Serves four to six.

### TOMATO SAUCE

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|------------------------|----------------------------|
| 1 can tomato paste     | $\frac{1}{2}$ tsp. oregano |
| 3 tbs. olive oil       | $2\frac{1}{2}$ cups water  |
| 2 large onions, sliced | Salt and pepper to taste   |

Fry onion in oil about five minutes or until medium brown. Add paste; fry three minutes, stirring constantly. Add oregano, salt and pepper to taste; also  $2\frac{1}{2}$  cups water; cover. Simmer over low flame for 25 minutes.

Easily and quickly prepared. May be used on any type macaroni. Sufficient for one pound. Serve very hot.

### LASAGNE

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| 1 lb. noodles ( $\frac{1}{2}$ in. wide)  | 1 large chopped onion    |
| 1 small Mozzarella ( $\frac{3}{4}$ lb.)  | 1 large can tomato purée |
| $\frac{1}{2}$ cup grated Parmesan cheese | $\frac{1}{2}$ tsp. sugar |
| 4 tbs. olive oil                         | Salt and pepper to taste |

Brown onion in oil; add tomatoes, salt, pepper, and sugar. Cook slowly in covered pan for one hour; stir frequently.

Cook noodles about 15 minutes or until tender (stirring constantly to prevent sticking) in five quarts of rapidly boiling salted water. Drain. Alternate in baking dish layers of noodles, sauce, thin slices of Mozzarella, and a sprinkling of grated Parmesan cheese. Continue this process until all ingredients are used. Bake in moderate oven 15 minutes.

Serve very hot in individual dishes; top with more sauce and grated Parmesan cheese. Serves four to six.

## Man You Need

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Experience has proved that mature men and women are conscientious, dependable employees. They have lower absentee records, change jobs less, and bring stability to the firm or company they serve. They take pride in their work, have an excellent record of productivity and in addition, through their years of know-how and experience, save their employers many a costly mistake.

Employers, hundreds of them throughout the cities in which Forty Plus operates, have found just "the man they need" through the certified, particular, qualified service offered by members of Forty Plus.

Let us give you a sampling of some of the job descriptions which have been checked from every angle and found accurate, offered to employers in the monthly placement bulletin of Forty Plus of Washington—the bulletin entitled appropriately enough—"The Man You Need."

"Economist, writer, research man. Eighteen years private industry experience, economic analysis, business, financial research, writing, publishing. Ten years diversified government experience, research, fact-finding, speech preparing, legislative analysis; liaison and public relations, both executive and legislative branches."

"Executive Director, Personal Representative. Exceptional experience in public affairs and public relations in foreign and domestic fields—organization planning and development; executive direction; representation; trouble shooting. Effective writer. Member D. C. Bar."

"Construction Engineer and Supervisor. 30 years heavy construction experience; reinforced concrete, foundations, commercial buildings, dams and highways. Actual supervision of large projects. Seven years in South America. Working knowledge Spanish. Will accept long term foreign contract."

These are just a few samples

## Who is this?



Our mystery guest for this month was 15 years old when this photo was taken. He heads from the great Northwest and he's been an International Representative since 1947 and assigned to a very specific type of work. Who is he?

(Answer to last month's "Who Is This?" was Brother R. E. Cline, Railroad Representative. Initiated in 1911, Brother Cline has served the I.O. in District 10 since 1941.)

taken at random from the Washington Club's current placement list.

We visited "Forty Plus" and talked with its officers and Board Members. We were impressed by the sincerity and caliber of the men and by the fine job it was evident they were doing.

We were impressed by the job they are doing for the community and we were impressed by the job that they are doing for themselves and others like them. For Forty Plus is a terrific morale builder.

The members of Forty Plus are intelligent, educated, skilled workers. Some of them have made an extensive contribution to industry or commerce or Government. Many

have served their country as top Naval or Army officers.

Then, after years of useful work, they suddenly find themselves through no fault of their own (but through merger, or reorganization, or closing of a branch) jobless, and unemployable because they have committed the unpardonable crime in the business world of passing the age of 40.

It does a lot for a man's morale to find himself in the same boat with others and through keeping busy with his Forty Plus activities, his self-esteem and confidence are bolstered. Through his club membership he often finds a job that just suits him and in the meantime he is too occupied with Forty Plus and his friends there to become too discouraged.

Let us give you one good example from the files of Forty Plus.

"A distinguished-looking gentleman of 72, once retired but now sadly in need of employment because of unfortunate investments, was accepted as a member. He had been seeking work for two years and had begun to feel that opportunity had passed him by for the last time.

"Association with club members, observing their ways, listening to their talks, gave him new courage. He was assured that somewhere a good place awaited him. Today he is vice president of a bank, earning a high salary."

Space will not permit a further analysis of this fine service organization. However, we do list for you here the addresses of the Forty Plus Clubs. If you know of positions that are open, or if you need a position yourself and can qualify, officers in these cities will give you further information.

Forty Plus of Washington  
810 Eighteenth Street, N. W.  
Washington 6, D. C.

Forty Plus of New England  
41 Tremont St., Boston 8, Mass.

Forty Plus Club of New York, Inc.  
220 Broadway, New York, N. Y.

Forty Plus of Philadelphia, Inc.  
1714 Chestnut St.  
Philadelphia 3, Pa.

Forty Plus Executives of Western  
New York

238 Main St., Buffalo, N. Y.

Forty Plus Club Inc.

501 Park Ave. Bldg.

Detroit 26, Mich.

Forty Plus Club of Chicago

220 South State St., Chicago, Ill.

Forty Plus Ass'n. of Southern

Cal. Inc.

525 South Flower St.

Los Angeles, Cal.

Forty Plus Ass'n. of Northern

Cal. Inc.

170 10th St., San Francisco, Cal.

We are proud to salute all "Forty Plus" Clubs this month. We wish them continued success in their very worthwhile work.

We acknowledge with thanks the kind cooperation of Mr. Henry Carter, Secretary, and Mr. Edger-ton Merrill, President of Forty Plus of Washington, in the preparation of this article.

## The Farmer

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Net income for farmers in 1952 was more than \$14 billion. In 1955 it ran \$10.3 billion.

That is the kind of situation which labor unions fight against day after day, for themselves, and today they are raising their voice on behalf of the farmer.

Now what about Secretary Benson's claims that higher prices have caused the farmer's hardships and that these were forced on the farmers because of the new wage contracts negotiated by unions during the past year?

Well, here is a point which the Secretary failed to mention. Many of the companies, in which rising wage rates were cited as the reason for the farmer's plight, made the highest profits in their history in 1955. Most of the companies could have absorbed all wage increases granted and still have made tremendous profits.

Let's take a concrete example. The United States Steel Corporation started the profiteering movement of 1955 when it raised steel prices \$7.50 per ton in July. Other steel corporations followed as is the general practice.

U. S. Steel stated that its price increase was forced by the new wage raise negotiated by the Steelworkers. The wage increase of 15 cents an hour for workers added \$2.50 to the cost of producing a ton of steel at the very most.

But the increase of \$7.50 was *three times* that amount. And take this into consideration, when the Steelworkers wage contract was negotiated last June, the steel corporation was making the highest profits in its history.

This is just one example. The pattern has been the same in many industries. Look at General Motors. It announced price rises on the 1956 cars this year to cover the wage increases granted employees in 1955. However, an analysis of the price increases show them to be three times the cost of the wage increase. This, in a company that cleared approximately a billion dollars in profits last year for the first time in the history of an American corporation!

And in the face of facts like that, the Secretary of Agriculture has the audacity to say that unions are the cause of the farmer's trouble.

Let's look at the prices the farmer paid for the commodities used in production. These actually fell seven percent and wage rates for hired farm labor fell one percent. Those figures don't seem to substantiate the Secretary's claim that rising prices and not falling income are the cause of the farmer's trouble.

However, here's something the Secretary neglected to mention. The interest rate farmers had to pay on borrowed money last year rose 16 percent and taxes 10 percent. Bankers' profits really soared last year but Secretary Benson didn't bother to mention that fact.

There's no mistake about it, the American farmer's plight is really serious. Organized labor realizes this and is doing all in its power to bolster economy for him. We

### Tribute From Cub Scouts



Howard Joralemon, Jr., son of the Supervisor of our International Office Tabulating Department, Howard Joralemon, Sr., was selected an outstanding Cub Scout in the Washington area, to present Scout emblems to a number of United States Congressmen. Here, he pins emblem on Representative Stuyvesant Wainwright of New York.

hope the farmers of our nation will realize this.

And we also hope they will put the blame for their situation where it should be. We hope they will realize something else, something that was pointed out very clearly by another secretary, Secretary of Labor Mitchell, recently. His views on this subject are as different from Secretary Benson's as day and dark.

Secretary Mitchell said:

"The broad interests of the farmers, are becoming indistinguishable from the interests of industrial workers.

"Expansion of consumer markets for the benefit of farmers depends upon expansion of the purchasing power of consumers. It is to the eventual benefit of everyone when the purchasing power of workers is enlarged through wage increases."

Yes, "the farmers and the unions should be friends." We hope they will be and that the farmers will realize that the real source of their depressed condition stems from the terrific shrinkage in their income, but that working together, farmer and union, a better life can be promoted for both.

## Children's Story

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Then Julie and her Daddy went to tell Miss Martha, and soon all the children and everybody at the party knew the wonderful thing that had happened.

And then the next wonderful thing happened. Julie's daddy, whose name was Jim Powers, took her out and put her in his shiny new car and said they were going home. "Going home," this sounded so wonderful to the lonely little girl who had so often longed for a home of her own and a mother and daddy to love her. And all of a sudden, Julie had all these things.

In a few minutes, they drove up in front of the prettiest house Julie had ever seen. It was a big white house with green shutters and a great big front yard with a puppy playing in it.

The puppy came to meet Mr.

Powers and Julie and he was friends with her right away, and jumped up and licked her face.

"He's your puppy, Julie," said her new daddy. "And this is your yard. And you can have all your little friends from St. Ann's home over to play with you."

And then came the most wonderful part of all. The prettiest lady Julie had ever seen came and opened the door for them. She threw her arms around Julie's daddy and kissed him and then she turned smiling to Julie and said:

"And who is this dear little girl, Jim? Is she one of the little ones from the home come to pay us a visit?"

"Better than that, Julie darling," said Mr. Powers. "I have the most wonderful news in the world for you. This little girl's name is Julie too. She's our own little girl, returned to us after all these years."

And then there was the happiest scene you can ever imagine. Julie's mother could hardly believe the news, but soon she understood and she hugged and kissed little Julie and she cried and cried just because she was so happy.

And that night Julie went to sleep in her own room, in her own bed and her own mother and daddy tucked her in, and her own puppy slept under her bed.

And before she went to sleep little Julie said a prayer. She said, "Thank you, dear God, for giving me all these things, and most of all for my own mother and daddy."

The End.

## Gettysburg Address

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pared the ceremonies held at Gettysburg to those at which Pericles had spoken in honor of those fallen in the Peloponnesian battles.

A hymn composed by Benjamin B. French was sung, and finally Ward Hill Lamon introduced President Lincoln to a tired, restless audience.

Lincoln rose and gave his brief address and had returned to his

place between Secretary Seward and Edward Everett before a photographer could arrange a camera for a picture.

Though there are conflicting reports as to reaction of the crowd, it is thought that the people were surprised by the brevity of the President's message and weary from long standing, but that they did applaud his remarks.

However, President Lincoln left the platform that day thinking his remarks had been poorly received and that his address was in effect, a failure.

Later, though some newspapers unjustly gave the speech a bad write-up, many warmly acclaimed its true worth. The orator, Edward Everett, wrote to Lincoln saying, "I should be glad if I could flatter myself that I came as near to the central idea of the occasion in two hours as you did in two minutes."

So it was that Lincoln did come to feel that he had made a "good" speech at Gettysburg and had not disappointed the people after all. But he didn't know that he had written and delivered "the best and best remembered expression of America."

## Powerama

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and special applications, and since the Powerama installation was on Chicago Park District property where the Chicago Code does not have jurisdiction, special permission from the electrical inspection bureau was not necessary.

All the power for this exhibit was generated on the grounds by four 1000 kw. General Motors power cars and one 500 kw. GM power truck. Primary voltage was 4160. Primary conductors enclosed in 3-inch plastic pipe ran to 15 different sub-stations located strategically throughout the site. A total of forty-two 100 kva and three 167½ kva transformers converted the power to working voltages. Secondary distribution was at 115/208 volts. There were driven grounds on primary and secondary at each sub-station.

The exhibition was illuminated by seven huge towers. A total of

eighty-one 500 watt flood lights were mounted in clusters on each tower and an open air stage was bathed with light from fifty 2000-watt floodlights.

One of the largest pieces of equipment of this huge power show was a complete oil drilling rig 175 feet high on which a beacon was mounted. Actually a working exhibit, the rig was drilling a well 200 feet deep. Other exhibits included a complete rock crushing plant, cotton gin and a saw mill. There was a "fashion note" in the display of chartreuse dump trucks and earth movers.

Throughout the hectic construction activity on the site, 200 electricians, members of Local Union No. 134, were employed day and night and thus, in record-breaking time, the world's fair of power was able to open its doors on the "preview night" on schedule.

And as a fitting climax to this magnificent display, Mr. William Orkin on behalf of the National Electrical Industries Show in New York, presented to the J. F. Fisher Electric Company the second place award for an outstanding electrical installation, and Mr. Robert Ryan of the Fisher Company gives full credit to the members of Local Union No. 134.

Mr. August Eckel associated with McGraw Hill Publishers of Chicago is responsible for the fine pictures shown here.

*(We acknowledge with thanks this fine article and pictures which were sent to us by Brother Thomas J. Murray, business agent of L. U. 134, Chicago.)*

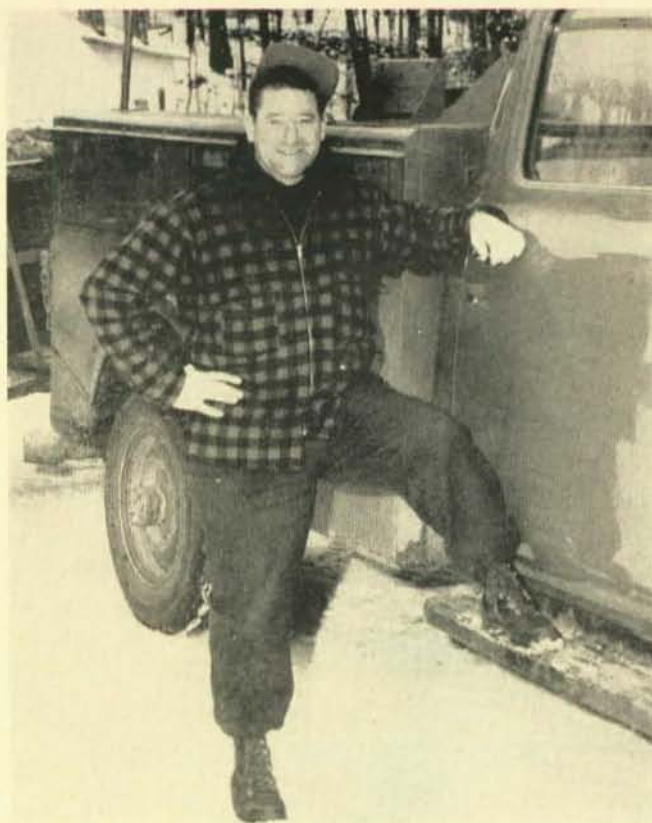
## Bronze Doors

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of War and Peace. Above the symbol of Peace—an American farmer and his family with their plow—are the days of his Inauguration and withdrawal from the military. Above the symbol of War—an American farmer struggling to protect his family from the Hessian mercenary soldier—are the scenes out of the American Revolutionary War.

Here, indeed, is a graphic portrayal of the truth that he was first in War, first in Peace, and first in the hearts of his countrymen.

## IBEW Bobsledder in Olympics



The IBEW was extremely proud to have one of its members representing the United States in the recent Winter Olympics at Cortina, Italy.

Monroe "Monk" Flagg, is a lineman with the Paul Smith Electric Light and Power Railroad Company at Saranac Lake, New York, and a member of L. U. 422.

Bobsledding is Brother Monk's chief hobby and he has 15 years of accident-free racing experience to his credit. Last year he piloted his four-man sled down the icy chute on Mt. VanHoevenberg to gain the National AAU crown.

Brother Flagg is a native of Saranac Lake, New York, a popular summer and winter resort affectionately known as "the Little City in the Adirondacks." This small but famous village can boast of fostering half of the U. S. Olympic Bob Sled Team, as seven of the 14 members sent to Italy, hailed from Saranac Lake.

Except for five years of service in the European Theater during World War II, "Monk" has spent

the last 19 years in the employ of the Paul Smith's Electric Light and Power Company at Saranac Lake. His work as a lineman takes him into some rugged but beautiful country as the far-flung lines of this mountain utility reach out to serve remote camps and estates deep in the forest. Named for its founder, the Paul Smith Company owes its existence to a former guide and hotel owner who foresaw hydro-electric power possibilities back at the turn of the century. Presently the company serves the Adirondack portions of Clinton, Essex, Franklin, and St. Lawrence Counties, which area includes such well known incorporated villages as Saranac Lake, Lake Placid, Tupper Lake, and Bloomingdale. "Monk" is well known in all these communities.

Therefore, our local lineman bore several banners abroad. In addition to representing his union, he carries the colors of a company serving a mountain resort area and a community steeped in winter sports tradition.

## Auxiliary

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Snyder, chairman of the California Democratic Central Committee. Mrs. Snyder addressed the group on labor's interest in regard to automation, school problems and State legislation.

Following the meeting, the auxiliaries to Locals 465 and 569 were hostesses at a tea in Local 569's new building at Five Points in San Diego.

ISABEL McMILLIN,  
Publicity Chairman.

**L. U. 340, SACRAMENTO, CALIF.**—Our Country Fair was held November 5, 1955, at the Labor Temple Halls, one, two and three, 2525 Stockton Boulevard. The theme this year was "Fiesta." Geneva Maahs, our recording secretary acted as chairman, and Marian Ward was chairman of the sewing groups.

Chances were sold on a 36-inch General Electric Stove, purchased from Manuel Joseph, one of Sacramento's electrical stores. There were also about 30 other door prizes donated by other Sacramento electrical contractors.

On the evening of the Festival seven different games were available, ranging from penny-pitch and a fish pond for the youngsters to a ham and bacon wheel, bingo for the adults, and a cake booth. Also there was a white elephant and a rummage sale with Leola Bell as chairman.

Baked beans, ham, potato salad, hot dogs, pie, cake, cold drinks and coffee were served from the kitchen.

BETTY MONROY,  
Publicity Chairman.

**L. U. 412, KANSAS CITY, MO.**—The ladies auxiliary to Local 412 of Kansas City, Missouri was formed and met for the first time Tuesday, April 12, 1955. Election of officers to serve until regular election in October, was held and the following were elected: Mrs. George W. Hurst, president; Mrs. Harold Clements, vice president; Mrs. Ray Huttless, secretary-treasurer; Mrs. H. W. Varner, chaplain; Mrs. John Collins, sergeant-at-arms.

Although we have been organized less than a year and have had rather limited activities, we have many plans for the future. On September 10 an old-fashioned picnic, with the women preparing and serving the food, was held at Swope Park, for members of the local and their families. There were pony rides for the children as well as games and prizes. The men played baseball which the spectators seemed to enjoy as much or more than the players and in the evening there was a drawing for prizes. Everyone reported a wonderful time and the women are certain it was time and effort well spent. A pat on the back to the women who worked

so hard and willingly. A pat on the back, too, to the men who assisted so much in handling the games.

VIOLET CLUTTER, P. S.

**L. U. 465, SAN DIEGO, CALIF. (ESCONDIDO BRANCH)**—We wonder if we are different from the rest of you auxiliaries. Our mother is the auxiliary to Local 465, but we have been in existence for two years and have yet to hear of any other branch auxiliary.

We came into existence because of the demand from the men of the local in this area who felt the need to have some group that could help in the planning of their social activities, be called upon in time of death or injury to one of their members, and assist them in the education of the wives and mothers in unionism.

On June 4th of last year we were hostesses at a very successful dance sponsored by the local and which was held in Escondido. Later in the summer we had a "Beach Party" that was very well attended from all areas that the local covers. In May we held a picnic at Felicita Park for auxiliary members and their children.

We have tried to help families of two deceased members, and have assisted several times when members of the local have been hurt.

Our bowling team is going strong. Betty Emde is the captain with Lois Anderson and Pat Brill as regular bowlers. Isabel McMillin is an alternate.

Our officers are: president, Mrs. Lyle Brill; vice president, Mrs. Robert Freeman; secretary, Mrs. H. C. McMillin and treasurer, Mrs. Ralph Long.

ISABEL McMILLIN, P. S.

**L. U. 569, SAN DIEGO, CALIF.**—The auxiliary celebrated the birthdays of members at a gala party on September 26 at the home of Nell Byrum. We drew Peanut Pals at a previous meeting and each day for the week preceding the party, cards and small remembrances were sent to our Peanut Pals and then at the party the names of the Peanut Pals were revealed. Surprises and fun were the result. A decorated birthday cake, frozen dessert and coffee were served

after an evening of playing Court Whist.

A Fall Bazaar and Dinner held at the Electricians Hall on Saturday, November 5th had its theme, "Country Fair" carried out in decorations and entertainment. A variety of booths were set up including needlework, arts and crafts, home-made goodies, a green thumb booth featuring a Mystery Tree, Christmas novelties and accessories and a white elephant booth. A lovely doll with a complete wardrobe was raffled off with the optional prize of a ball, bat and glove set.

A pot-luck dinner and Hallowe'en party with our husbands as honored guests was held October 22, with traditional Hallowe'en games as the evenings entertainment.

Our annual Children's Christmas party was held as usual.

JEANNETTE MCCANN,  
Publicity Chairman.

**L. U. 570, TUCSON, ARIZ.**—Eight new members were obligated at the September 14th meeting of the auxiliary, which is most encouraging. These were: Mesdames Vern Tornberg, Gordon Land, Jack Deeter, Jerry Apodoca, Jack Lewis, Bennett Lewis, Robert Northway and Robert Wright.

A bulletin from R. S. Brown, state director of LLPE, was read, advising of the establishment of a women's division of our State LLPE. At least five women were to be selected by Local 570 to serve in this women's division, and our auxiliary expressed willingness to cooperate.

In line with the auxiliary's practice of giving a helping hand where needed, a nice collection of food was bought for the family of a local laborer who is in Veteran's Hospital with injuries which will probably prevent him from working for nearly a year. This man, William Galvez, was injured when he rushed to the attempted rescue of two small neighbor children who were in the path of a car pulling out of a locked-bumper accident. Mr. Galvez has five small children of his own. It was a heroic gesture, and his family should not have to suffer because of it. They are being taken care of now, and our small donation was only a "tide-over."

With the cooperation of Shamrock Dairy, which is donating 30 quarts of milk along with 30 quarts which the auxiliary is paying for, the milk supply is also taken care of for the moment. Drivers of the car causing the damage? Another of those too-frequent cases of drunk drivers, carrying no insurance, and innocent parties paying the penalty for their criminal carelessness!

VELVA L. OWEN,  
Corresponding Secretary.

### CORRECTION

In our "Know Your International Staff" feature last month we referred to Representative Carl K. Smith as "General Chairman for the Lehigh Valley Railroad and Secretary-Treasurer of System Federation No. 96." The word "formerly" should have preceded this section and was inadvertently omitted.

## 1955 Was Wonderful Year for St. Louis

L. U. 1, ST. LOUIS, MO.—It's Christmas time as this was being written and in St. Louis as with most every local union in the brotherhood things are slower in the building industry. With the prospect of another mild winter, however, we are sure all of our members will be on one of the many long jobs starting within our jurisdiction.

Many things of interest to the electrical industry have taken place in St. Louis during 1955. There was great advancements made in organizing new industries, and many new members in various classifications have been added to our membership. Local No. 1 can say truthfully that we had a wonderful year.

Several cases of severe illness among our officers occurred in 1955 that caused us concern, but at this time all members are on the road to recovery. Recording Secretary Rich Naes suffered a severe heart attack and had to quit working at the trade, but he opened an ice cream drive-in, which promises to become profitable. John O'Shea, president of Local No. 1, underwent a throat operation and has returned to his office much relieved. Ed Redemeier, business manager, at this time is still sidelined but is showing progress from a serious heart attack. We all expect Ed to be back at his desk by the time this is in print.

On the other side of the news, downtown St. Louis businessmen cooperated with the mayor and a committee of artists and lighting engineers on a

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yearly Christmas decorating scheme for streets and buildings. This will be a progressive program that will grow each year to include more decorations and more electrical work.

This year the committee started with flood lights on the City Hall group of buildings, including the City Hall, Municipal Courts, Municipal Auditorium, Civil Courts, Federal Building, Post Office, and Soldiers Memorial Buildings and Monuments.

In the downtown park area, there were three dimensional billboards depicting Christmas in many lands. Overhead floated gas-filled balloons shaped like huge tree ornaments. Each of the billboard cards was lighted with 1050 watts of lighting, and the balloons had eight 1500-watt flood lights trained on them until 1 a.m. This program is expected to increase next year.

The City of St. Louis this year passed a bond issue which will permit it to spend about 150 million dollars on civic improvements. Many of these proposed improvements have been started, with many expenditures marked for electrical work. One item calls for the construction of eight amateur league ball parks, illuminated

for night games, and also illuminated soccer and other sports fields. Contracts for these projects will be let in January. Under construction now are trash and garbage disposal plants that require many man hours of electrical work. St. Louis realizes it must modernize to hold its place as the "Gate Way to the West!"

FRANK G. KAUFFMAN, P.S.

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### Two-Year Pact Sets \$1.25 Minimum

L. U. 3, NEW YORK, N. Y.—On December 14, our members of the Portable Lamp and Shade Division enthusiastically ratified a collective bargaining agreement which is historic in this very highly competitive branch of our electrical industry.

The two-year agreement establishes for the first time a \$1.25 minimum wage scale for all lamp workers employed in this branch of the industry. It provides for a 20 cents total overall wage boost extending over a two-year period. The first 10 cents an-hour-wage increase went into effect December 15. An increase of 5 cents

## St. Louis Spectacular Display



St. Louis, Mo., this year has started on a program to completely decorate the downtown area during the Christmas season. Starting with the public buildings around the city hall, which include the federal buildings, the merchants have formed an organization to promote the holiday project. The picture at left shows the park area directly across from the city hall where the three dimensional pictures showing Christmas in many lands were installed. At right is a closeup look at one of the many three dimensional picture cards that were installed along a four block section of a parkway in the downtown area. Each sign was floodlighted by seven 150 watt floodlights. Three wiremen members of Local 1 employed directly by the city shown installing equipment are Ray Kaercher, Ken. Missey, Robt. Kirk.

## Do You Remember?



This picture shows a group of Local 1, St. Louis, Mo., members that were employed by the city as wire men and maintenance men back in 1915. This picture was taken on a Saturday morning just as the men were leaving the job, (which accounts for the dressed up appearance), and just outside the electric shop which still remains in the same location with few changes. Can you identify any of these old timers? Front row: John Abell; John Evers; Hugh Aird; Chas. Joerding; Bob. Underwood; Chas. Tilles; Ed. Lochman, and Jos. T. Rapp. Rear: Ed. Heffner; George Heath; unidentified; Leo Schneiderhahn; Kemp Leonard (foreman); Fred Schantz, and Ralph Toensfelt (engineer). Rapp and Schneiderhahn are still pension members of the Brotherhood while Toensfelt is a successful consulting engineer. Rapp is still employed by the city as a deputy assessor.

an hour is due December 15, 1956 and a third increase—5 cents an hour—July 7, 1957.

In addition to the wage increases, the new agreement also provides for payment of the 2 percent social security by the employer for all members working in the industry six months or more starting December 15, 1956. The contract also provides for a much more liberal vacation plan for these members.

The happy conclusions arrived at in these negotiations were the result of an intensive organizing drive in this branch of the industry. More than 400 new members and 60 shops were organized during this campaign. The negotiations were led by Assistant Business Manager Michael Siegel, Business Representatives Vincent McHugh and Gerald Waters, and a committee of 20 workers, men and women members who unselfishly sacrificed their time to help their fellow trade unionists.

The officers and the committee representing the "F" Fixture Division of our union have been trying to negotiate their collective bargaining agreement. As of today, December 28, they have not been successful in concluding the agreement.

The fixture industry is one of nation-wide importance and stature. The wages and conditions of employment negotiated in one city affect the industry nationally. At this point the committee has not been able to convince the employers to provide substantial wage increases and annuity benefits.

It is a pleasure for me to report that the "DMS" Motor Shop Division and the "M" Marine Division members

of our union were successful in winning a 45 cents per hour wage increase over a two-year period.

After five weeks of negotiation, the agreement was heartily approved by the "DMS" Motor Shop Division members and the "M" Division members.

In addition to the wage increases, the contract provides all of the benefits negotiated in the Construction Agreement, including the annuity plan extended benefits for hospitalization and the \$40.00 per week benefit payment in addition to unemployment insurance.

This agreement was negotiated by 12 members of the "DMS" and "M" Divisions, together with Business Representatives Christopher Plunkett and Nat Chadwick.

The wages will be increased from \$2.20 per hour to \$2.50 per hour in 1956, and from \$2.50 per hour to \$2.65 per hour in 1957.

It is a privilege for me to report that our International President, Gordon M. Freeman, and our International Secretary, Joseph Keenan, attended our regular membership meeting at Manhattan Center Thursday evening, December 8, together with other International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers leaders, such as Charles Paulsen, Chairman of the International Executive Council.

The visit to our membership meeting coincided with the closing session of the merger convention of the AFL-CIO, a few blocks away on East 34th Street. Our International President and our International Secretary both addressed approximately 4,000 members and made very inspiring and enlightening talks.

Charles Paulsen talked with our

members and made reference to his association with our late Financial Secretary William A. Hogan. It was a very inspiring sight to all of us to see 15 of our International Officers present at our monthly membership meeting.

ARMAND D'ANGELO, P.S.

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## Boosting Toledo As Lakes Harbor

L. U. 8, TOLEDO, OHIO—Here in Toledo, one of our most progressive committees, the Toledo Industrial Development Committee is hard at work in its endeavors to convince the steel makers of the nation that this city, with the best harbor on the Great Lakes, where coal and iron meet, is the ideal spot on which to erect one of their giant plants. They have gone to considerable expense sending out literature extolling the merits of this city to all concerns in the country, which manufacture steel. Out on the East Bay Shore where the new Bay Shore plant of the Toledo Edison company is in operation, are plenty of acres on which such a plant can be built. So far several companies have expressed a desire to hear more about the situation, and it's possible that within the near future an announcement of considerable importance to Toledoans on the matter will be forthcoming.

The Campbell Soup plant in our territory near the city of Napoleon, Ohio, is under way and as soon as the weather breaks will really start rolling. The East Broadway plant of the Libbey-Owens-Ford Company has just about completed one phase of its expansion and other parts are being pushed to completion. When finished this spring the shortage in flat glass will have been eliminated to a large extent. Our annual Christmas party for the children was held on December 17th and was enjoyed by all. The committee members worked hard to see that the kids had a good time and the local gives them a vote of thanks for their efforts.

This city showed that they meant business at the last election when the citizens voted for an increase in taxes to finance the development of the Port of Toledo. One of the things which is being promoted is a grain elevator which will have a capacity of over five million bushels of grain. The Toledo Terminal Dock is figuring on adding extra overhead cranes to take care of increased business. Foreign ships loading and unloading here last season were much in excess of the previous season. Foreign shipping interests are building ships designed for the Great Lakes trade. It isn't going to be too long before this city is going to assume its place among

the great ports in the world. So keep your eye on this city, it's going places and we hope you will be there when it does.

BILL CONWAY, R.S.

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## Outstanding Christmas Party for Children

**L. U. 11, LOS ANGELES, CALIF.**—Christmas, 1955, proved at least one thing to L. U. 11. That is: our 1956 Christmas party will have to be held in a bigger hall. We have one of the largest and finest union auditoriums on the West Coast, but when we try to put the children of our members into it to see Santa Claus, the walls really bulge! Our Women's Auxiliary works faithfully all year round preparing for our local union Christmas party for the kiddies, and every year it seems the party is bigger, the toys are better, the dolls are prettier, and children more numerous and lively.

This year's party topped all we have ever held and our kids enjoyed it immensely. Between a top-notch dog act—that really is big time—and a fine puppet show, the entertainment was swell, and the ladies received showers of praise for their fine arrangements.

The hundreds of dolls, dressed by the auxiliary in the costumes of many different countries, gladdened the hearts of the little girls. The boys got toys more suited to their sex. Santa Claus, as usual, made a big hit with boys and girls alike. Everyone had a good time, and next year we'll have a better party in a bigger hall. The enclosed photographs will give a good idea of the size of the crowd, and how pleased the kids were with Kris Kringle.

JAMES LANCE, R.S.

## Feature Pictures From Syracuse Area

**L. U. 43, SYRACUSE, N. Y.**—The deadline for "Local Lines" copy seems to recur each month with less time for preparation of copy than the previous month but, whenever I feel that I've been caught short without any material for my contribution, my old friend Jimmie McKay—Local Union

43's itinerant photographer, comes through with a good action picture and the day is saved!

This month, with Christmas duties demanding all available leisure time, was one of those months when I was doubtful about maintaining my reputation for having something from Local Union 43 in the JOURNAL each month but—along came Jimmy with not only one but two pictures. While the boss might not consider them as "action"

## Gay Party for Children



Hundreds of smiling youngsters packed the auditorium of Local 11, Los Angeles, Calif., for the annual Christmas festivities. Above, officers of the local and the Women's Auxiliary are, from left: Business Manager O'Brien; President of the Auxiliary, Mrs. Marie Iske; Santa Claus himself; President Green.



## At Work in Syracuse Area



At left are employees of Beck Electric, Contractors, of Syracuse, N. Y., at work on one of the latest shopping centers—Shop City. With pipe is William L. Quigley, who is also president of Local 43; Hermie Thomen, Local 3 (on extreme right); the man in the middle is, as you might guess, a painter who just ambled into the picture. Some employees of Irving Solomon, Contractor of Syracuse, N. Y., are seen at right engaged on a job in the newest shopping center near Syracuse. Left to right: Charles Losey, Local 1249; George Clement, Local 73; Pete Del Vecchio, Local 43, and Eddie Amosso, Local 43, foreman.

pictures, they show work accomplished and, to make them of more than local interest, they include men of other locals as well as Local 43. So, thanks to Jimmy, I am submitting the pictures as my contribution.

BILL NIGHT, P.S.

### Annual Dance is Complete Success

L. U. 52, NEWARK, N. J.—Local 52 held its 57th Annual Dance last November 6 at the Essex House in Newark, New Jersey. Local 52 may well feel proud of the manner in which the Entertainment Committee promoted the dance. It was, to say the least, a complete success both from the attendance and the entertainment angles.

Mayor Leo P. Carlin of Newark was the toastmaster for the evening. Congressman Peter W. Rodino and Freeholder John J. Giblin contributed a few remarks, brief enough to be understood but not long enough to be resented.

Business Manager L. Vehling, chairman of the Entertainment Committee, presented Brother Ed. Schroeder with a gold membership card commemorating Ed's 47 years of service as an officer and member of Local 52.

The festivities of the evening were heightened by a presentation of various acts from Broadway shows. The talent of these performers left nothing to be desired. The rousing reception those present gave them testified to this.

The 57th Annual Dinner-Dance Committee deserves recognition at this time for the great efforts and general

hard work they expended to make this affair the positive success it was. They, despite the handicap of no "ad book" (a very convenient financial buffer for any affair) promoted, cajoled or what have you, this dance so that it was an S.R.O. sellout. In fact, some patrons were turned away. The committee offers its sincerest apologies to those mentioned above and trusts that they were not inconvenienced too much.

The writer says, in conclusion, that it was very pleasant and stimulating to be amongst the Brothers present and hopes some of the good will and camaraderie evidenced there rubbed off and will follow us through the year.

FRANCIS MACKEY, P.S.

### Local Mourns Four Long-time Members

L. U. 59, DALLAS, TEXAS—Local Union 59 has had its charter draped the last four months in memory of four wonderful men—William M. Buckley, Charlie Bush, L. C. Benedict, Sr. and Charlie Schofield. These were all members of long standing, especially Charlie Bush who held a 55-year card. These men and others like them have contributed much to the building of our great organization and our debt to them can only be repaid by building on to the foundation that they laid.

The new Love Field Terminal Building is now under construction. This building will cost about 7½ million dollars. When complete, will be one of the best in the country. Completion will be sometime in mid 1957.

Other construction to get under way soon will be the first building of the city within a city. This building is an 11 story office building, first of this 50 million dollar project. Construction will be spread over a period of about five years. At this time, we are happy to report most are working.

Every election is a big election. Some are bigger than others. Next year is the big year and our chance to elect a new party to power—the working man's party, the Democrats. Let us return our party to Washington. I am thinking especially of Texans when writing this letter. We know, as no others know—Shivers-Dixiecrats-Conservatives-Camouflaged Democrats-Cross filing and etc. Brothers, register—pay your poll tax—and by all means VOTE.

Though some months have passed, Local Union 59 wishes to congratulate Brother Gordon Freeman on his appointment as International President and wishes him every success.

We held a special meeting last month and had a wonderful crowd. Do you know why we had such a crowd? Because most of them thought it might cost them a dollar for missing a meeting if they weren't there to vote it down. Brothers, more members need to come to the regular meeting. This in your local union too. This will be all for this time. So from Dallas and Local Union 59, see you.

JAMES W. TYSON, P.S.

### Smooth Merger in Norfolk, Va., Area

L. U. 80, NORFOLK, VA.—To date

we've heard no adverse comment on the AFL-CIO merger from any of the local unions in this area. M. M. Price of the Central Labor Union, representing all of the AFL unions here, said "I believe that it is the best thing that could happen for the workers in this area."

CIO spokesmen, generally, agreed with Price. Thomas S. Tribble, Jr., president of Local 2202, Communication Workers of America, for one, said his local was solidly supporting the merger.

The United Marine Workers will, however, remain independent according to their president, Captain Harry Everton.

Local 80 reserves its right to remain neutral on the controversial issue of integration, also its voting on the referendum to amend the State constitution.

It is our sad duty to report the death of our Brother W. C. Atkinson. Our members extend their sympathy to all of his survivors.

The entire local extends sincere "get well" wishes to Brothers Johnny Brown, A. T. Deal and Jimmy Balance and hopes they were well enough to enjoy their Christmas turkey.

Our nearby work is still at sub-zero. But we are blessed with work for a fair number of our members at the North Carolina Pulp Company, Plymouth, North Carolina.

It must be amusing, or possibly nauseating, to the average American citizen who belongs to neither big business nor the union, to watch from the sidelines the eternal feud of these two contestants. Especially is this so of those citizens with average charitable instincts or righteous intent who read and keep their fingers on the national pulse. They, only a short time ago, read of the enormous profits and declared dividends of the financial giants, only to turn the page and with rightful indignation, read of the untold numbers of poor and destitute whose actual existence depended on the charity of Federal, state and public institutions.

Are we then, as American citizens, to accept this illusory indictment that to ask for our inherent and democratic rights to free bargaining is greed? One significant example of this "me—not you" philosophy is the biased opinion of Charles R. Sligh, Jr., executive chairman of the National Association of Manufacturers, whose bitter opposition to the closed shop is somewhat stupefying in that he himself belongs to one of the tightest closed shop "associations" in the nation.

Can it be that the much-hoped-for amicable relations between big business and organized labor have been detained these many long years by this childish "I won't play," by this psychological bombardment of the

minds of the American people, with an eye to public sentiment, even to the extent of unfair tactics?

On this, written on the eve of the Nativity, our most ardent prayer is: May God bless the poor and underprivileged.

J. V. (JOE) HOCKMAN, P.S.

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## Reports Results of Wage Negotiations

**L. U. 100, FRESNO, CALIF.**—Christmas has come and gone, and our old agreement, which expired January 1st has been replaced by a new one for 1956. We retained our wage scale of \$3.25 per hour and added 4 percent of gross pay for paid vacations, and 7½ cents per hour for a Health and Welfare Plan.

The new agreement was negotiated by a committee consisting of our Business Manager Bob Bruce, our Secretary Jay Hewlitt, and Brother Bill Tingen. Bill Pollock, Jim Robinson, and Ray Buckley represented the contractors.

During December we were saddened by the death of two old time members of Local 100. The first was H. H. (Kelly) Courtwright, manager of the San Joaquin Division of the Pacific Gas and Electric Company. Brother Courtwright's life was a typical American success story. The writer remembers him as the manager of the Fixture Department of the old Valley Electric Company. This was about 38 years ago. He was secretary of Local 100 then. I worked on the fixture bench with him.

After the death of Billy Jones, and soon later of John Carr, Brother Courtwright was made manager of the Valley Electric Company which was a branch of the old San Joaquin Power Company. Ultimately he worked

up to assistant manager, and later manager of this San Joaquin Division of the Pacific Gas and Electric Company which succeeded the old San Joaquin Power Company.

Brother Courtwright was one of the first to encourage cooperation between the union and the contractors. This was the beginning of the Contractor's Association in this area. Up till this time it was difficult to get a workable agreement with the contractors, as each went his separate way and would not cooperate in a common agreement. This was a great step forward in the early days of Local 100. He was a charter member.

He never lost the common touch as he went up. "Kelly" was well thought of by both management and labor. He leaves many friends behind in all walks of life.

Brother Ray Colby, our chief Electrical Inspector, was the second one to pass away in December. He died suddenly, at his home, from a heart attack. Brother Colby was a member of Local 100 for many years, and an ex-member of the Executive Board.

Once a contractor, Brother Colby spent the last years of his life in the Electrical Inspector's office in Fresno. He leaves many friends.

Unusually heavy rains have slowed down much of our work. Fresno was spared serious flood damage, and loss of life suffered in northern California. The large irrigation ditch running through the north side of Fresno was a hissing, roaring torrent, bank full. Sandbaggers working through the night saved a major disaster, though water broke through in several places, damaging streets and homes. Luckily the flood receded after the first day. Water was a foot deep in the shop of the Ramage Electric Company which is near the ditch. It came within two inches of the door of the Demon Electric Company.

As one old time contractor once re-

## Mark Long-time Service



Marking the 47th year of his service to Local 52, Newark, N. J., as member and officer, Brother Edward Schroeder receives a gold membership pin from Business Manager L. Vehling, standing left, while President Horace Greeley, seated left, and Mayor Leo P. Carlin, seated right, look on approvingly.

marked after a fire—"Gosh! Everything happens to contractors!"

R. P. (FLASH) GORDON, P.S.

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## Relief for Ill. Work Shortage Foreseen

L. U. 146, DECATUR, ILL.—Just a few lines from the old left-hander to let you know we are still in business at the same old stand. Right now things are rather quiet in this vicinity, but with a few good breaks from the weatherman, maybe some of the proposed jobs will get an early start. Prospects for work look good this year if we can just hold out till the jobs get underway. Petro Chemical is planning a large-scale expansion program at Tuscola, as is also U. S. Industrial Chemical Company. At nearby Champaign, two new men's dormitories at the University of Illinois are planned, and a seven and one half million dollar food-shortening plant will soon get underway. In Bloomington, General Electric is expanding its plant.

Locally, we have a big new building being added at the Staley plant and a large new plant near Mount Zion to be erected by the Pittsburgh Plate Glass Company. Also, we have a large new office building near the lake which will house the Illinois Power Company. At the north edge of the city they are also erecting a large new service and maintenance building. About 30 men are still on the big new Caterpillar plant, which is now in production. Yours truly is at present working on the big new General Cable plant in Monticello, which is also in production. But enough about jobs, I get tired just thinking about that work.

Our Christmas Party was held again in the union hall, on Saturday, December 17th and everybody seemed to enjoy the outing. It always means a lot of work for the Christmas Committee, but the families seem to appreciate the efforts put forth in their behalf. Some of the members only see

each other once a year, at these affairs.

The Herb Willis family had a nice Christmas present delivered on Christmas day. A fine seven pound, six ounce baby girl. However, a sad note to mar their happiness, is the serious illness of their son, six years old in children's Hospital in St. Louis. We hope sincerely that he can soon come home and be well and happy again.

We also heard that Harold Montgomery was hospitalized for a throat ailment recently. Get back on the ball, Harold!

Well gang, this about wraps it up for this time. Keep me informed if you want the news to get around.

BOB WAYNE, P.S.

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## Floods Aggravate Work Shortage in Calif.

L. U. 180, VALLEJO, CALIF.—Did it rain, and rain and rain. We are in the middle of what appears to be our wettest winter for the past 10 years. Vallejo and the surrounding Bay Area cities have been troubled with high water, storms and power failures that have brought most construction work to a complete halt. Work has been very slow, anyway, with eight to 12 men on the bench consistently, and about three times that number working out of the area. Again we want to thank our sister locals in surrounding areas for their courtesy and assistance in helping keep some of our members busy.

Brother Harry Ballard has been appointed to our Executive Board to fill the unexpired term of Brother O. G. Clark who resigned.

Brother Bill Green, former business manager was recently involved in a very bad auto accident which demolished his car and put both him and Mrs. Green in the hospital. Both are recovering from the broken bones and internal injuries, but it will be quite a while before either is completely well again.

Plans are complete for the member-

ship drive to be held for marine wiremen on Mare Island, January 1 to March 3. We were able to get permission to distribute organizing pamphlets at the shipyard, and our monthly newsletter, has been approved for posting on all bulletin boards. We have given wide publicity to the drive.

Along this same line, we would like to congratulate L. U. 1781 members on the recent drive that netted them more than 90 new members.

Our local has noted a \$1.00 per month dues increase for all building trades, maintenance and sign members, effective January 1, 1956. Other members, such as civil service, city employes and others not covered by the contractor's one percent will also pay an additional \$1.00 per month into the Pension Fund.

In an attempt to increase interest in and attendance at regular meetings, we are trying out a new sort of gimmick (new to us) of awarding an Easter ham to some lucky member. To be eligible, it is necessary to attend meetings, sign an attendance card and drop it in a sealed container. The more meetings attended, the more chance of winning.

Guess that about does it for this time.

D. V. McCARTY, R.S.

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## 1955 Was Fairly Successful Year

L. U. 193, SPRINGFIELD, ILL.—Old 1955 was a fairly successful year for Local 193. Unemployment was at a minimum. We gained a 10 cents an hour raise for the inside wiremen and construction workers plus 5 cents an hour welfare plan. For the utility workers we negotiated a raise that averaged a little better than 8 percent.

The members of Local 193 celebrated the Christmas holidays in a number of ways. They donated \$100 to the special needs planning committee of the Community Chest to be used for needy children. To the local's retired or disabled members they sent baskets of fruit and other favors.

On Friday, December 23rd, the local held a Christmas dance for the members and their guests. Over 200 couples attended the gala affair and everyone had a grand time. Door prizes both valuable and comical were awarded during the evening as an added feature.

Those members on the arrangement committee were Warren Adams, Jim Enlow, Walter F. Goodman, Al Ushman, Carol Ivey, Ed Kosak and William Porter.

On Friday, December 30th, the Utility workers employed by the City Light and Power Department held their annual New Years Stag party. Brothers Bill Smith, Virgil Jacobs and

## Notice to All Press Secretaries

We want to express our sincere appreciation to our many press secretaries who have cooperated with us so fully in trying to keep their letters brief. In an effort to lower our JOURNAL costs, we have had to cut down on the number of pages in our magazine. Your understanding response has been splendid and we are grateful.

In a few instances we have had to cut some letters slightly even though they were very good ones, in order to be fair to everyone. We are sure, knowing the reason behind it, this will meet with your understanding and approval also.

Our thanks to all of you who devote your time and efforts to writing for our JOURNAL and helping to make it a worthy labor publication.

GORDON M. FREEMAN,  
International President.

## Phoenix, Ariz. Honorees



Local 266, Phoenix, Ariz., honored its nine graduating apprentices at ceremonies in December. The full identification of those present is in their press secretary's letter.

Lew VanDeren again served on the committee and did their usual excellent job.

WILLIAM PORTER, P.S.

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### Year-End Report From N. J. Scribe

L. U. 211, ATLANTIC CITY, N. J.—Have not been on the ball of late in regards to putting an article in the JOURNAL once in awhile, but when one works out of town as long as yours truly has—for almost five years now—and counting the time one has to get up and time on the road then you can understand my predicament.

As per my last article you know that yours truly went to work in Trenton territory early in March. I have worked on a number of jobs but am now working for Peifer Elec. Company at the Maguire Air Base. This job is being supervised by Walter Minschwaner. This job is called the O.P.S. and Power House Job. Further than that your guess is as good as mine as to what it is for. The foremen under Walt are Wesley Reed, Dick Di Louie, Bill Pierson, Roy Eckert, Hank Peters and the steward on the job is non other than Mike Dietrick. The temporary light man on the job is John Haupt. Other Brothers who are working on the job from 269 are Chris Marciante, who is president



Seth G. Bazzill, treasurer of the Salt River Project, presents an award to his son, Seth C., at the graduation ceremonies.

of Local 269, Herb Marsh, Charles Beach, Bill Roberts, Charles Cook, Fritz Tesarek and last but not least Henry (Hymie) Jarnowski the Dukes Mixture Keed. He has been smoking the same tobacco I believe for over 50 years.

There are quite a few boys working on this job from out of town. I know the names of some and others I don't. So if I neglect to mention

anyone's name in particular please do not hold it against me. Charles Beach, Dick Caldwell, Herb Marsh and yours truly are working together. Al Weipert, Bill Potts, Gallagher, Charles Anderson, Bill Hefferidge, John Hodges, McCarthy, Williams, La Rosa, Abe whose last name I do not know also Steve and Whitey and a few more whose names I do not know, so they will have to forgive me. The

job is progressing along very nicely under the capable supervision of Walt Minschwaner.

Under Local news of 211 I understand by the grapevine that the Electricians in Atlantic City have had a raise in pay. The pay rate is now \$3.50 per hour for journeymen. Foremen will be increased from \$3.75 to \$5.00 per hour and sub foremen from \$3.50 to \$3.75 per hour. The Seven Hour day still prevails in A.C. Our last raise was in 1953. In closing remember this: **THERE ARE BETTER WAYS OF GETTING UP IN THE WORLD THAN BY HITTING THE CEILING.** See you soon I hope. Good wishes to all the brothers everywhere.

BART (CURLEY) MAISCH, P.S.

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## Illness Fells Three Brockton, Mass., Men

L. U. 223, BROCKTON, MASS.—During the holidays it seemed especially in keeping with the real spirit of the occasion to remember some of our less fortunate Brothers, who due to sickness or injury may not have been able to enjoy Christmas to its fullest extent. Among these Brothers were Clarence Babbitt and Thomas Lynch who were hurt in falls off ladders some time ago, and have not at this writing, returned to work. Bill Gammons has not been able to work for many months.

Thomas Beer, former president of our local, now retired, fell off a ladder about a month past, hurting himself badly and has been convalescing at home, which is 22 Gladstone Street should any of you Brothers be able to visit him.

K. Frank Wood is hospitalized and in poor condition due to an illness of undetermined nature. Let us all wish for the speedy recovery of these Brothers in the coming year.

I am happy to report that Ernie Bridgewood is back to work after a month of hospitalization.

Although much work was begun before winter set in, most jobs are progressing slowly so that at the present writing, work for L. U. 223 is just holding its own. This winter is the bitterest in years and promises to get worse before it gets better.

To the flood-ravaged communities of California and Oregon we in southern New England extend our sympathy. With two serious floods only a few months gone by we well understand your plight.

R. WOODMAN, P.S.

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## News Officer Slate For Topeka Local

L. U. 226, TOPEKA, KANSAS—After questioning our local union why there hadn't been a report in the Electrical Workers Journal for some time about our local, I was informed that we had

no reporter. As I asked the question I was given the job as press secretary. As I am not a journalism student just an electrician I hope you will bear with me on what I might write you in regard to the happenings and work situation in our jurisdiction.

Our past Business Manager James J. Carnahan did not seek reelection. Jim retired after serving the local very efficiently for the past six years. We have a new slate of officers at the helm this year. George Gladfelter, our past president, was elected business manager with Frank Sewell, president; Charles Alden vice president; Herb Lady, recording secretary; Lloyd A. Stansbury, treasurer. Jake Rockers is serving as the assistant business manager.

The ground has been broken at Winter General Hospital for a 21 million dollar hospital. Many hangers and other buildings are under construction at Forbes Air Force Base. The new State Office Building is progressing very nicely at present. At Lawrence, Kansas, they are building several new buildings at the university. Steel is being erected at Olathe, Kansas for a new battery factory. A new hospital is being built at Fort Riley, Kansas, along with a group of permanent barracks. Plans are under way for a new million-dollar High School at Manhattan, Kansas.

One of the old time members of our Local, William C. Cates passed away August 13, 1955, at the age of 64. LeRoy Lewis a Charter member of our local applied for his retirement effective September 1.

We have 14 apprentices working out of our local. They are all enrolled in an Apprentice School that is held during the school year at the Topeka Trade School. Their instructor is Tom McGinnis, local city electrical inspector.

This about covers the news and work situation from Local 226. Our jobs are all manned by local men and it appears that there will be no call for outside help this winter.

HUGH A. BLODGETT, P.S.

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## Prepare to Mark 40th Anniversary

L. U. 231, SIOUX CITY, IA.—Activity of 231 centers around its 40th anniversary in 1956. In the meantime, business continues. A special meeting on December 16th provided the means to advise the Negotiating Committee of members' wishes. Reports will be made later.

The Sioux City Improvement Association (Brother Tom Dugan Vice President) is making progress, urging industry to Sioux City. Labor is well represented along with leaders of business and industry.

The annual Christmas party—over

200 attending—was thoroughly enjoyable. Brother Ray Linnquist was M.C. Carol singing was led by the wife of Brother Geo. Wobken. A variety program was presented by the Lois Olson Studios and Viola Vaughn. Brother Roy Authier made a fine Santa, delighting the kiddies, who were given candy and nuts when leaving. Fine door prizes were donated by the contractors and wholesalers. Members and their wives enjoyed visiting and renewing acquaintances. Family events are so very important in unionism.

The local was saddened by the death of a longtime member, Brother Glen Pace, a member since 1933 and present member of the Examining Board. His widow was the first recipient of the newly-established Benefit Fund receiving \$712.50, with the deep sympathy of Glen's co-workers. The local was glad to express sympathy in a material way.

Let's make 1956 a banner year for organized labor. Attend! Participate! Show unselfish interest! Be loyal! YOU can help!

FRED HADLEY, P.S.

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## Visiting Member of Ann Arbor Local

L. U. 252, ANN ARBOR, MICH.—I'll start this article by saying that it was nice seeing and talking with one of our members who moved away from here some time ago, Brother Waldo Wagner. Guess you know that Waldo likes California pretty well.

At this writing, there seems to be considerable amount of work around here. 'Course the famous Bomber Plant, now the Hydromatic, has its in and out jobs. Doesn't look like there will be another "Gold Rush" again. 'Course, something might break over night, never can tell.

I'd like to mention at this time that due to our local's being one of the smaller locals of the country, it is sort of hard to find material for each and every issue of the WORKER. Therefore we will try to make every other issue. I hope this meets with your approval.

Sorry, no pictures this time.

JOE EXELBY, P.S.

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## Nine Phoenix Men Receive Certificates

L. U. 266, PHOENIX, ARIZ.—Nine apprentices of Local Union 266, employed by the Salt River Power District were presented certificates of graduation by Victor I. Corbell, President of the Salt River Project, with headquarters in Phoenix, and I.B.E.W. certificates and statuettes by Harry Young, Business Manager of the Local, in ceremonies held at the Stockyards Restaurant on the night of December 8, 1955.

## Activities in Wichita Area



When these students of Kansas State Teachers' College visited Local 271, Wichita, they were conducted by the union representatives at right, named in the local's letter.



International Representative Billy Cox presents a forty-year pin to Brother Cliff Covington, left, and a commemorative gavel to Past President Archie Nelson of Local 271.

Honored at the dinner and graduation ceremonies were, front row, left to right: Louis Q. Thomas, electrician; Allen M. Willard, machinist; Harry Young, business manager, presenting trophy; and John L. Sims, electrician; back row, left to right: Seth C. Bazzill, relayman; Eldred Broeder, lineman; Jesus P. Felix, lineman; Earl J. Smith, auto mechanic; and Alton D. (Slim) Anderson, president of the Local. Clay Bates, lineman, was absent.

A particularly touching situation occurred when Mr. Corbell called on Seth G. Bazzill, treasurer of the Salt River Project, to present his son, Seth C. Bazzill, with his certificate. It was a fine gesture which we all appreciated and enjoyed.

The graduates to qualify for the certificates had to complete three and four-year courses of theory and practice and on-the-job training under the rules set by the Arizona Apprenticeship Council. The apprenticeship program is the first such setup found in the electrical field within Arizona and one of the first such programs inaugurated in the nation. Since 1947 when the apprenticeship program was begun, 52 apprentices have been graduated and 39 of these are still employed by the Salt River Power District.



A recent program of the Wichita University TV Round Table discussed the so-called "Right-to-Work" laws, as described in the letter from Local 271.

Also attending the dinner were John Douthit, area supervisor, Bureau of Apprenticeship; John T. Weir, secretary, Arizona Apprenticeship Council; S. A. Ward, general manager, Salt River Power District, in addition to representatives of various Power District departments as well as apprentices of the utility.

PRESS SECRETARY

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### Stage TV Debate on "Right-to-Work" Law

L. U. 271, WICHITA, KANSAS—Appearing on a recent Wichita University T. V. Round Table over station KAKE-TV, were (l to r in photo)

Robert Love, Wichita business man, Louis Weiss, Kansas legislator, Dr. Henry Onsgard, W. U. Moderator, our business manager Brother W. W. Malcolm and Floyd Black, secretary Kansas State Federation of Labor. Messrs. Love and Weiss are staunch crusaders for a "Right to Jerk" law, while our union Brothers on the other side of the table are just as firmly opposed to this rotten type of legislation. The subject under discussion was supposed to be, "How Labor and Management Can Improve Their Relations" but the worthy crusaders could not refrain from using this chance to inform the public of the horrors of compulsory union membership, so—the show got a little hot and loud but Dr. Onsgard being the

excellent Moderator he is, managed to keep matters under control and no blows were struck. Seriously, Brothers, our would-be benefactors are missing no chance to get a plug in for their anti-labor legislation, so we've got to get ON THE BALL if we want to come out on top. Got your current COPE card?

A few days ago a group of about 30 students from Kansas State Teachers College at Emporia, Kansas, were visitors in Wichita. These students are part of a group sponsored by various labor organizations throughout the state. They visited points of interest in the city, mostly to observe the workings of union jobs and factories. They were accompanied on this tour by faculty members and the following union representatives, (l to r in photo) Jim Yount—C.I.O., Floyd Black, Kansas State Fed. of Labor and W. W. Malcolm Local 271 business manager. Your writer had the opportunity of meeting this fine group and got a photo as well when they visited our hall.

Early in November, Brother Cliff Covington was presented with a 40-year pin by Brother Bill Cox, I. Representative. Following this Brother Cox also presented Past President Archie Nelson with the block and gavel he used during his term of office with an engraved gold band attached.

ROLLA A. HALL, P.S.

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## Corpus Christi's Work Prospects Good

**L. U. 278, CORPUS CHRISTI, TEXAS**—In recent years the Gulf Coast area has enjoyed large-scale industrial expansion. Development of waterways, power facilities and industries has given the area a "new look."

We have been fortunate in our work situation in being able to have jobs for a number of traveling Brothers.

However, in recent months, expansion of Alcoa's Point Comfort plant has been the only job of much consequence and it is nearing completion.

There is good indication that 1956 will offer a better outlook for shop work. Numerous additions to school plants, residential construction, new shopping centers and other small-scale projects due to be launched after the first of the year should take up some of the "slack" that has accumulated in the last months of 1955.

Considerable interest has developed in the campaign to get every member to pay his poll tax. Since a number of important questions will be placed before the electorate in 1956, members realize the vital importance of qualifying themselves to vote.

Our business agent, Brother Eugene Hendricks, has fully recovered from his accident and seemingly enjoys the best of health ever. He has been able to reach an agreement with a couple of shops and has every assurance of signing two others in this area in January. Our union shops have done approximately 90 percent of the residential wiring in the Corpus Christi area in this past year.

JAMES C. PARISH, P.S.

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## Member Dies in Iwo Jima Crash

**L. U. 292, MINNEAPOLIS, MINN.**—On Sunday, November 18, First Lieutenant Vernon C. Watson, 26, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jesse B. Watson, was killed in the crash of a Globemaster cargo plane on Iwojima. Lt. Watson was navigator on this ill-fated plane which crashed during take-off at this famed World War II battle site. Brother Watson was initiated in LU 292 September 28, 1948 and was an active member until he entered the Air Force in March, 1952. He had been overseas since September, 1953, flying to far-flung outposts of the

East. In addition to his parents, he is survived by his wife, Joann, and a daughter, Robin, a year and a half, who live in Japan.

Business Manager Joe Krech and Business Representative Bob Gomsrud were successful in their efforts to have the electrical work, consisting of motor setup and machine connection, given to a fair electrical contractor at the Kraft Cheese Company plant in New Ulm, Minnesota. The Kraft Company had imported their own jack-of-all-trades to do this work, but were talked into changing their minds and the work went to union labor.

Members of LU's 292 and 160 recently completed the new Southtown Substation in Minneapolis for Northern States Power Company. This is a welcome addition in the long-range power program in this area.

Negotiations at Control Corporation in Minneapolis ended during November with an average increase of 5 percent for the members employed there.

Business Manager Krech and Business Representative Noonan, with a large crew of 292 members, canvassed part of the First Ward in Minneapolis for the Arthritis Fund drive.

A Christmas card with a \$5 bill went to every member of 292 in Military Service.

The IBEW State Council awarded the 1955 scholarship to Fred D. Millard and James R. Hanson. This is an annual \$300 award to be used at any school of the recipient's choice.

Chasing and channeling of buildings for electrical equipment belong to the electrician. It's hard work but it also provides man-hours. It belongs to the electrical worker, so let's go after it.

JOHN J. O'ROURKE, P.S.

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## 305 Holds Annual Apprentice Banquet

**L. U. 305, FORT WAYNE, IND.**—On

## \$11,000,000 Project Nears Completion



Members of Local 278, Corpus Christi, Tex., and traveling brothers gather on site of addition to Alcoa Plant, Point Comfort, Texas, which is nearing completion.

## Yule Fete, Graduation of Local 305



These gay scenes were snapped at the Christmas party of Local 305, Fort Wayne, Ind.

November 30 our Ninth Annual Apprenticeship Banquet was held here in Fort Wayne at the Van Orman Hotel. This banquet is sponsored jointly by the Ft. Wayne Building Contractors and the Building Trades Council.

We are proud of the fact that Local 305 was so well represented not only by our own members but nearly all of our apprentices were in attendance. This year we had only two boys graduating: Paul Nicola, and Frederick Burns. Next year there will be more.

We were especially honored this year by having in attendance Brother Bill Damon, our Director for the National Joint Apprenticeship and Training Committee. His presence and inspiring words were an inspiration, not only to us but to all other crafts who were in attendance. We say "Thank you Bill" for coming.

Several of our city's leaders were on hand. The mayor, chief of police, county sheriff and our local representative for the Bureau of Apprenticeship, United States Department of Labor. Mr. Edwin Thomas, prominent Local Attorney spoke on "Man the Builder."

We're looking forward to another year and hope that our efforts may prove well worthwhile.

Dec. 17, the local held its annual Christmas party. We had a very nice turnout of the Brothers, their children and wives. Movies and presents were given to the children. We wish to thank the committee, Brothers H. Hannie, E. McKay, M. Grimm, T. Foltz, C. Leininger (who by the way made a wonderful Santa Claus), S. Hyndman, W. Wasson. Your press secretary wishes to thank H. Garrel for his account of the apprenticeship banquet.

W. L. WASSON, P.S.

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### Help Raise Funds For Arthritis Drive

L. U. 306, AKRON, OHIO—It has been some time since Local 306 has



At the local's apprentice banquet, Brother Bill Damon, director of the National Joint Apprentice and Training Committee, congratulates the apprentices, on left, Frederick M. Burns, and right, Paul Nicola.

had a letter in the JOURNAL. We are submitting two pictures. One is of Brother Bill Armour wiring a union pre-fab house on the stage of the Akron Armory during the Akron Home Improvement Show which was held in October. This three bedroom ranch model house, donated by one of our wholesale lumber companies, was raffled off at the Home Show to raise funds for the Summit County Arthritis and Rheumatism Foundation. The project of wiring, heating, plumbing, etc., was undertaken by our Tri-County Building Trades and various contractors. The winner of the house has it placed on his own property completely finished and, of course, adequately wired. On the wiring end we had very good cooperation in a joint venture between NECA and Local 306.

The other picture is a shot of our Christmas Party which was held December 18th at the Akron Armory. The turnout of members and their families was excellent and everybody

had a good time. Floor show, presents, plenty to eat and good fellowship, I am sure, were enjoyed by all. Brother Lou Maynard, our director of athletics and recreation, and his committee deserve a pat on the back for a job well done. I would like to give special mention also to the fine job done by Santa Claus, Brother Chester Cotton. Brother Maynard is standing by the tree with his hand on his hip and his back to the camera. Three guesses as to which one is Santa Claus. The picture shows a very small portion of the crowd which attended and it took quite a large fire brigade of Santa's helpers to feed the gifts to Santa Claus.

SAM OAKS, B.M.

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### Do Wiring for Charity Project

L. U. 308, ST. PETERSBURG, FLA.—The Good Will Industries, Inc. of St. Petersburg has celebrated its

## Civic Activities of Local 306



At left, Brother Bill Armour of Local 306, Akron, Ohio, helps wire the Akron Home Improvement Show. At right, is a lively scene from the local's Christmas party.

first anniversary and Local 308 members in conjunction with the other crafts of the Building Trades Council are proud of the part we have played in its successful first year.

The Good Will Industries are occupying an old building that had to be remodeled to fit their needs, and Dr. Adair, president of the Good Will Industries called on organized labor to donate its talents and time toward making the building suitable for industrial purposes.

We of organized labor have been called upon many times to help worthy causes in our jurisdiction and we have never refused a worth while request. To date we have donated \$20,000 in time toward this project

and our contractors and distributors have donated all materials for the job.

Our Brothers have been very faithful toward this job and have been giving up their Saturdays toward its completion. I personally feel that this is labor's answer to those who continuously belittle and thwart our effort for making better living conditions for everyone.

BENNETT COREY, P.S.

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### Sees 1955 as a "Very Good Year"

L. U. 312, SPENCER, N. C.—As

Recording Secretary for this local I would like to report that we have had a very good year and have a lot to be thankful for.

We of organized labor should feel proud of the achievements we have accomplished through the efforts of the labor movement.

So let us all keep plugging to advance labor's cause. Those who expect to reap the blessings of freedom must, like men, undergo the fatigue of supporting it.

M. C. CHEATWOOD, JR., R.S.

### Local Presents First Two Certificates

L. U. 412, KANSAS CITY, MO.—We are enclosing two pictures taken at the presentation of the first two journeyman certificates furnished by the Federal Bureau of Apprenticeship, U. S. Department of Labor.

Brother Don Murphy, representing that bureau, and ex-member of Local 124 of this city, was very instrumental in getting the program rolling.

We are now striving to formulate a firm program of training for our operating personnel. All training, both maintenance and operating, is a joint endeavor of company and union and we believe it will result in better trained personnel at a lower cost.

The certificates were awarded to Otis Drury, mechanic and to Jesse A. Close, electrician, at a meeting at Kansas City Power and Light's Northeast station.

Shown at the meeting clockwise are: A. V. Forsythe, committee secretary and superintendent of the Grand Avenue station; Earl Burnap, president of Local 412; John Kiloh, business manager of Local 412; George Hurst and George Howell, committee members; Drury, Close, Roy Huttshell, committee chairman, W. H. Wurth, assistant superintendent of the Northeast station; Don Cameron, superintendent of power production; and R. K. Zimmerman, supervisor of employee education.

In the other photo, Al Forsythe and Roy Huttshell are shown making presentations to Drury and Close.

H. L. CLEMENTS, P.S.

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### Distressed Local Awaiting "Prosperity"

L. U. 466, CHARLESTON, W. VA.—Will try to get a few lines in our

### Community Service Job



Local 308 men working on the Good Will Industries Project in St. Petersburg, Fla. Left to right: Bill Tillis; Jimmy La Bonte; President Ralph Bean, and Business Manager "Skip" Hadley.

JOURNAL this month, although there is not much to write about as we are looking in vain for the so called "prosperity" the present Administration tells us we are in the middle of.

Work here is at the lowest ebb since the depression, with about three-fourths of our entire membership either on the road or on the bench, so we sure thank the various locals, which are taking care of us in this slack period. However, we do have hopes of a couple of good jobs coming up in the spring of 1956.

I guess the present National Association of Manufacturers and Chambers of Commerce will want us to be working in the first period of 1956, and especially around election time, so we won't feel like getting out to vote. But Brothers don't be fooled, do as we are doing here in Charleston. Get committees from the Building Trades Councils, Central Bodies and so on, and get our people registered and then get them out to vote. **THE TIME IS NOW!**

Our Business Manager gave us a very good report on what is happening on the new merger of the A. F. of L. and the C.I.O., as he is an Executive Board Member and Vice President of the State Federation of Labor, and has been selected on the Merger Committee for the West Virginia State Federation of Labor.

The report says that the new merger can be of a great service to our Brotherhood if everyone diligently does his part and keeps personalities out of the merged unions. It will be especially helpful here in this state where the C.I.O. has a lot of our plants organized and District "50" has been cutting in on our construction work. We have a pledge from the C.I.O. State President that they will help us in our fight, because they

will honor our "picket lines" and refuse to work with the United Mine Workers.

**DON'T FORGET TO GET REGISTERED TO VOTE. SEND YOUR DOLLAR IN TO THE COMMITTEE ON POLITICAL EDUCATION.**

F. R. SEVY, P.S.

### Memphis Scribe's Thoughts of New Year

L. U. 474, MEMPHIS, TENN.—This was written at New Year's with its

"Auld Lang Syne" and its promise of the New Year and all the promise of the old year not fulfilled, relegating the old with a note of sadness, accepting the new with the hope of happiness! The Scottish Plowman, Burns, expressed himself "long, long since" or "Auld Lang Syne" in sadness, and also about unfulfilled hopes in saying "The best laid schemes o' mice an men gang aft aglay, an leg'e us nought but grief an pain, for promised joy."

These lines are from the *Thoughts*

### Members at Spencer



These are the officers of Local 312, Spencer, N. C. From left, starting with the front row: J. F. Fraley, president; K. W. Henritze, vice president; J. W. Cooper, financial secretary; J. W. Williams, treasurer; M. C. Cheatwood, recording secretary and R. G. Crook and B. D. Hale, Executive Board.



A group of members of Local 312 join the officers. They are V. D. Plyler, K. W. Beck, H. L. Trexler, D. E. Hanes, L. C. Woodrow, W. Smith, D. L. Brandt, H. G. West, O. W. Green and R. L. Peeler.

## First of Local's Apprentices



At the meeting at the Kansas City Power and Light Northeast Station, the first two graduating apprentices of Local 412, below, were presented with their certificates. Full identification is included in their local's letter.



of a Scotch Plowman, a man who had known the strains of labor, a man who could take his dreams of grandeur of the gloomy, lonely moors of Scotland and tie them to the stark reality of which he was a part.

Men of labor have dreamed many things as well as shaped them with their hands. Our dreams help us cushion the shock of reality. Even the weary cotton picker with his feet in Delta dust may pause long enough to contemplate or dream of the golden sunset behind the cypress trees at the far end of the cotton rows. "But with cotton at \$3.00 a hundred, and dry cotton at that, he won't pause long."

I've wondered why there are so many Christmas trees left over and unsold. It seems as if each tree vender gets twice as many as he can sell and after Christmas there is usually a whole forest of unemployed Christmas trees. I am reminded of Joyce Kilmer's poem about trees—"Only God can make a tree"—and how man sells them for from six bits up to five bucks. Our feathered

friends the birds make more sensible use of trees than we humans do, they live in them, and besides they don't sell them to each other.

During the last month we lost a long-time loyal Brother, Bert Britton. We offer our understanding to Bert's loved ones in this time of sorrow and of ours.

FRANK DRIES, P.S.  
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### Early Winter Slowed Wenatchee Construction

L. U. 497, WENATCHEE, WASH.—Winter season came to us in this locality a little early this year, closing down a good many jobs that were scheduled to be completed and stopping those that were to be started, creating quite a number of bench warmers.

However, at this writing we have hopes of an early break-up and of the majority being put back on the payroll.

This year has seen the completion

of most of the Chief Joe dam structure and the putting of some of the units on the line. However, the manufacturers' strike of the units and parts has held up the work to some extent.

With this writing I am forwarding two pictures of the rigging and setting of a 900 h.p. synchronous motor directly connected to two reciprocating compressors, accomplished and completed by journeyman wiremen.

We feel that enough emphasis cannot be put on the importance of this type of work, that it is work that belongs to the Brotherhood. From the rigging to the setting, the wiring and switchgear work belongs to our Brothers and the trade, and it's our intention to get it and keep it.

True enough we have lost some motor and generator work but through hard work and wise negotiating for something that is already ours, we have gained the most of it back. Let's keep it, Brothers!

AL NICHOLS, P.S.  
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### Large New Jobs On Drawing Boards

L. U. 498, TRAVERSE CITY, MICH.—The local union wishes to acknowledge and thank all the local unions and business agents who sent greeting cards.

The Penn-Dixie cement plant is still going strong. The job could use a few more men but not for long. No other large jobs are going, but next spring should see a couple starting. American Boxboard at Manistee has a large addition on the drawing boards. The Jet base installation should be starting. Several smaller jobs are ready to go when the weather breaks in the spring.

The Agreement Committee has been working on changes in the agreement. A change in wages and other things have been suggested.

Following is our territorial jurisdiction agreed upon with other locals at M. J. Boyle's office some time ago:

Emmet County (with the exception of Wawatam Township), Charlevoix, Antrim, Kalkaska, Benzie, Leelanau, Manistee, Wexford, Missaukee, and Grand Traverse Counties.

In Otsego County we have the following Townships: Elmira, Livingston, Bagley, Hayes and Otsego Lake. Also within our jurisdiction are Crawford County (with the exception of Lovel Township) and Roscommon (with the exception of Backus, Nester, and Roscommon).

Our south boundary shall be composed of the following Townships: Grant, Freesoil and Mead in Mason County; Sauble, Peacock and Ellsworth in Lake; Lincoln, Cedar, Osceola and Sylvan in Osceola; and Garfield and Surrey in Clare.

Our eastern boundary in Clare County shall extend to the east side of the following Townships: Surrey, Lincoln, Greenwood, and Summerfield.

GILBERT J. REID, P.S.

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## Spirit of Yule All Too Short-Lived

L. U. 505, MOBILE, ALA.—This article will not directly concern Christmas although it is being written on Christmas Eve. It is concerned with the short-lived Christmas spirit that lasts only a few weeks before and after Christmas. What would be wrong, for instance, with maintaining this spirit the whole year?

It is my contention that generally

speaking, people are thoughtful, kind and considerate. The other day I went to the veterinarian to get my sick little puppy. A man came in with a dog (not his own) that he had accidentally hit on the highway. He was probably in as big a hurry as anybody else but he realized the wrong he had done and this was his way of making amends. This kind of action caused me to think. Was it because Christmas was near or was it because this particular man had that kind of character the year around? I believe it was the latter.

It's awfully embarrassing when someone runs out in front of you with an automobile and just about the time you've got him good and "bawled out," you find he's a good friend of yours.

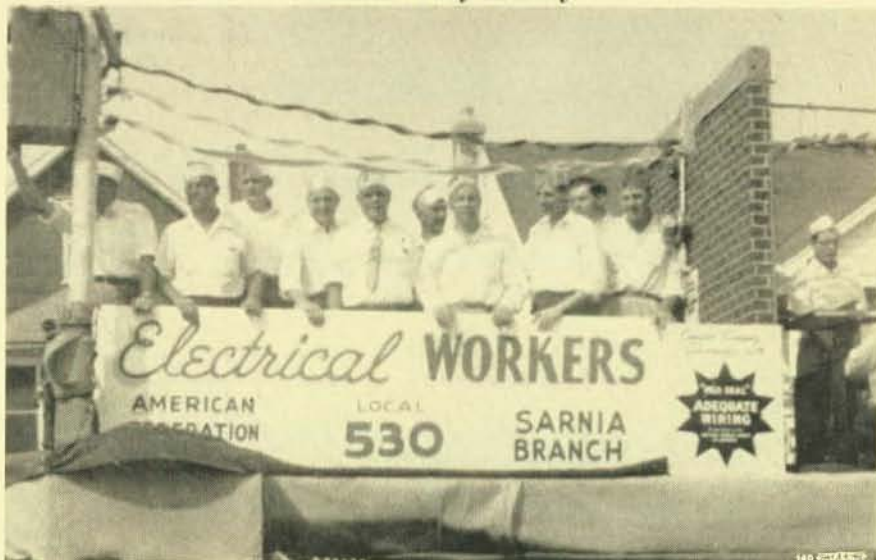
People just don't get quite as angry at Christmas, they just seem to overlook trivial matters. When someone extends a small courtesy to me, for instance allowing me to cross the street in front of his automobile, I appreciate it and feel like going up to him and shaking his hand. It just changes a man's opinion about people and traffic.

The point I'm trying to get across is that if everybody maintained a Christmas atmosphere about himself all year long, life would be brighter for everyone.

We're off with a brand new apprenticeship program for 1956 that we feel sure will stimulate more interest and give our apprentices a better system for study.

EMMETT N. SPEARS, R.S.

## Labor Day Entry



This was the float entered and manned by Members of Local 530, Sarnia, Ontario, Canada, in that city's annual Labor Day parade.

## Heavy Projects for Local 497



Placing split rotor on shaft of 900 h.p. motor, are, left, wiremen Al Nichols, Leo Shellenbarger, Bill Breeding and Les Pickings, of Local 497, Wenatchee, Wash. At right, rigging 900 h.p. motor stator are, left to right, wiremen George Foster, Pat Dillon and Leo Shellenbarger.

## Reports Success of Jointly-Staged Parade

L. U. 530, SARNIA, ONT.—It has been some time now since our Local has had an article in the JOURNAL. This is due to the fact that Brother J. C. McCaffery has resigned his post as press secretary, and we have neglected replacing him until this time. In the past Brother McCaffery's articles have been very interesting, and in the future, I only hope that I can do half as well.

Our election of officers took place in June, and the results of this election were: President, C. Teeple; Vice President, L. Harris; Recording Secretary, G. Douglas; Treasurer, D.

Ostrom; Business Manager, G. Ham.

Our new Executive Board consists of Brothers J. Bourne, J. McLellan, W. Nealy. I may also add, that since these officers were installed in July, they have been kept quite busy, but are taking it in their stride and doing a first class job.

For the first time in five years the A.F. of L. Building Trades Council and the U.A.W./C.I.O. with the co-operation of civic officials, worked untiringly in their efforts to sponsor a Labor Day Parade. I am pleased to report that Local 530, along with all other Sarnia locals was very well represented in the parade. In short, the parade was a huge success, and we hope this will be an annual event in the years ahead.

With the coming of the fall season we have previously been faced with a serious situation of unemployment. However, it looks as though this situation is not posing as great a problem this winter. The past summer was fair, as the building business was not too brisk, consequently we had a few men unemployed off and on all summer. However, there are several large jobs started or ready to start very shortly. The largest of them being the Ethyl Project which is now under construction by the C. F. Braun Construction Company. It is expected they will employ a fair sized electrical crew right through spring. This along with several other large projects leads us to believe there will be very little unemployment all winter.

With the passing of bad weather, we hope to have much better turnouts at our monthly meetings. It seems only fair that our president and business manager along with our hard working Executive Board get a little more cooperation. To do this, it is the duty of each member to turn out full strength to our meetings. We are a comparatively small local, therefore, we need all our members at our meetings to operate successfully.

Brother Sullivan informs me that the Credit Union is functioning exceptionally well. Let's keep up the good work, as it is a wonderful form of savings.

We know in sending in this article, some of it is fairly old news. However, in the months ahead, I will endeavor to keep the JOURNAL posted monthly on activities here in Sarnia.

DAVID T. BUTT, P.S.

## Support Blood Bank



These photos of members of Local 584, Tulsa, Okla., giving their full support to the local Red Cross Blood Bank are identified in accompanying letter.



## Christmas Party and Dance



Officers of Local 586, Ottawa, Ont., Can., and their wives at the local's annual Christmas party and dance. From left: Executive Secretary and Mrs. Jim Dodds; President and Mrs. Jack Champagne; Past President and Mrs. Frank Moher; Executive Board Member and Mrs. McIlvenna; Recording Secretary and Mrs. Lou Laeroix, and Executive Board Member and Mrs. John Clapp.

### Portland Local Plans Three Schools

L. U. 567, PORTLAND, ME.—We are now experiencing our usual slack time of year with conditions better than last year, but with a few boys on the bench.

Not too much change from last month as far as work is concerned. Hodgdon Brothers, Goudy and Stevens shipyard at East Boothbay, gave all the boys a fine Christmas party, Friday afternoon before Christmas. Everyone received a big ham and was paid for Christmas and New Years. If some of you fellows don't believe it was a good one just ask Murphy, Charlie Lewis, and Beauchesne.

As of the first of the year the local will have three schools going, Electronics, Apprenticeship and a new one, welding, brazing, etc.

Our deepest sympathy is extended to the families of Brothers Beauchesne and Hutchins for their recent losses.

It has been suggested that we conduct an Old-Timers Night with the younger members giving the "old-timers" a real "ball." Let's get behind it when the time comes up to really discuss it.

WILLIAM H. ANDERSON, P.S.

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### Tulsa Men Support Area's Blood Bank

L. U. 584, TULSA, OKLA.—Our pictures enclosed show L. U. 584 Electricians giving blood for Christmas. First picture shows Brothers at the bank. Left to right are Brothers Jimmy Porter, who gave his tenth pint of blood and is chairman of the



At another table: Business Agent and Mrs. Hanna and Executive Board Member and Mrs. Richards.

Blood Donor Committee, Donald Shaull, Johnny Hicks and Chueb Brewington. Second picture shows 584 members who have given blood.

We want to welcome three new journeymen to our ranks, Brothers Bob Bryan, L. C. Palmer and George Fisher who have just passed their examination and completed four years of training.

Our Educational Committee is meeting regularly and has mailed a questionnaire survey to try to improve our attendance at local meetings. We believe any educational program would be a waste of time until we get a good attendance at meetings. A careful study of the survey should bring up points to work on.

The length of our meetings sometimes makes it difficult to have any extra program at all. However, we don't want to take any time from our headings of business and good of the union. These headings sometimes

start discussions which are very educational in themselves. Education is not new in the labor movement, the Cigar Makers found they could hire readers and be educated as they worked years ago.

Work is quite slow here, but not as bad as this time last year when we had almost a third of our membership idle.

BOB DOOLEY, P.S.

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### Extends Welcome to New Ottawa President

L. U. No. 586, OTTAWA, ONT.—Our new local union president, Brother Jack Champagne will be feeling like an old hand by the time this article appears in print. We extend our best wishes to him in the difficult job he has undertaken and our confidence in his ability to do the job well.

## Local 605's Gallery



From left are five prominent members of Local 605, Jackson, Miss.: Brothers Herrington, Shorter, (Little Slick) Jordan, Goodnight and Dismuke.

We owe a deep debt of gratitude to our former president, Brother Frank Moher for the splendid work accomplished under his direction during the past two years. While we regret losing the services of Brother Moher we congratulate him on his promotion in the trade and wish him every success.

This would be as good a time as any to draw the attention of our new president and our Executive Board to an editorial in the November issue of the JOURNAL on automation. Journeyman electricians will have to acquire a good working knowledge of electronics, servomechanisms and industrial electricity, very quickly if they

wish to survive in the electrical industry.

It would be to the best interest of our employers too, if they would co-operate in every possible way to help in an educational program that will equip their employees with the required knowledge to handle automation.

We had an annual Christmas party and dance and are sending a few pictures taken during the festivities showing some of the Executive Board members and their wives. The party seemed to drag a little in places probably due to the lack of an M.C. We should arrange for such a person next time and try to break up those little

groups into one larger one, don't you agree?

A little more social activity would not hurt Local 586 and indeed could be of very great value. A permanent committee to handle such affairs would be an asset to our local.

G. MCARDLE, P.S.

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### Sees Improvement In Local Attendance

L. U. 605, JACKSON, MISS.—We were very happy indeed to see Brother Charlie Goodnight at our last regular meeting. He looks good and

## Officers, Board of Local 611



The Executive Board and officers of Local 611, Albuquerque, N. M., pose for the Journal. From left, standing: (Executive Board) W. L. Strohecker, chairman; C. Ray Brown, W. C. Tucker, O. A. Armstrong, George Faulkner, and Joseph Murray. Missing from the picture is H. L. Bradshaw. Seated: Loren O. Taylor, assistant business manager; Archie Weaver, Jr., recording secretary; Shelby Hendrix, treasurer; Roy F. Fuller, vice president; Clifford Clark, business manager and financial secretary. Missing from the front row is President L. L. Galloway.

apparently his morale is excellent. So we say "Atta boy Charlie! We know that you are an old campaigner and that you will come through with flying colors. We shall keep in touch so that our members may be informed of your future progress and may only the best come to you and yours, Brother."

From our attendance a fellow would think that we had a merger within our own local union. Although we had some refreshments at our last meeting this had no bearing on our attendance, I'm sure. Our members are seeking and obtaining unionism, they have discovered that the union meeting is the place to get it and our attendance is flat footedly improving, we happily report.

The Edison Electric Institute reports during one week in November, 1955, the country's electrical output was 11,149,000,000 kilowatt-hours. This is more than four and a half times our weekly output of 15 years ago. So to be conservative we are engaged in an industry which has come a long way, yet apparently is still in its infancy, for which we should all be proud and thankful.

We enclose three snapshots displaying five prominent members of our local union. It was nice to be with you again.

J. W. RUSSELL, P.S.

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## Help Lay Plans for Contract Negotiations

L. U. 611, ALBUQUERQUE, N. MEX.

—To you Brothers who do not attend meetings too often, and to those who just do not attend, this letter to the JOURNAL is dedicated to you so you may know your officers. Enclosed is a picture of our officers with Brother H. L. Bradshaw of the Executive Board and Brother L. L. Galloway, President of L. U. 611 absent. Both were out of town when this picture was taken.

I am again acting as scribe, after no letter for about a year. The absence of letters has caused more comment to me than my letters did. So Brothers, please encourage me by sending me the news, and I especially ask the secretaries of the various units to drop me a line and tell me of your activities.

The local union has five contracts to negotiate this year. Come to the meetings and help your local union.

W. L. STROHECKER, P.S.

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## Full Report on Atlanta Election

L. U. 613, ATLANTA, GA.—Brother Roland Mills got himself elected President of Local 613 on a platform of economy but I doubt if he will

## Win 1955 Safety Award



We are proud of the gains made by Members of Local Union 613, IBEW employed at Gould-National Battery Company, East Point, Georgia plant, in the field of safety. The workers at this plant have won the safety award given by Employers Mutual Insurance Company for the second time. Winning this award is a real achievement. For one thing it means that our people in this plant are safety-minded which is a great asset in such a hazardous occupation, such hazards consisting chiefly of lead-poisoning and acid splashes.

We have an active safety committee in this plant with representatives of management and union joining together in an effort to make safe working conditions. This joint committee makes recommendations with authority to eliminate traps and unsafe working habits and conditions. The safety committee slogan "Safety is no accident" is a good one. This committee believes that accidents are caused—that accidents don't just happen. Based upon this thought they proceed to look for the cause, and once the cause is eliminated, so is the accident. Brother Laymon Rainwater is unit chairman at Gould-National Battery where he is performing a good job. He is surrounded by a whole corps of capable shop stewards. Another important asset existing in this plant is the good relation between representatives of the union and the management. We take pride in setting up our Unit No. 4 as an example in safety, and we want to impress upon all workers to strive for such a goal.

In the picture, IBEW Chairman Rainwater receives award from G. P. Race of Employers Mutual Insurance Co. Also, from left to right, are: Doctor B. B. Gay; Harry Whitaker; Representative Durand; George Bramlett; Laymon Rainwater; A. M. Speers, Manager; Floyd Sizemore; James Doss; G. P. Race, Employers Mutual Ins.; Thomas Webb, and J. D. Ramsey.

HOWARD DURAND, Local 613 Representative.

accept economy in the use of stationery as an excuse for neglecting my duties as press correspondent, so here's the news.

At this writing the hottest news is really frigid. E. C. Ernst, Inc., has opened an office in Atlanta, and Ernest Collier is rounding up a crew of intrepid Georgia Crackers to go to Greenland to rush a job through for the Ernst Company before sunset.

Election news—Willie Massey took the Vice Presidency as a stepping stone to the U. S. Senate. Henry Barber will sign dues receipts for two more years and W. O. Torbett will continue to sign the checks and hope they aren't latex. Neither was opposed in the election. Young Bubber Weir's good looks and affable disposition won him a good block of votes for business manager but Ernest Collier's 12 years experience decided the election in his favor. C. P. Hightower hoed his tomato patch instead of electioneering for the 12 votes he needed to nudge me out

of the recording secretary post. Harry Bexley, Lem Hightower, A. T. Landers, C. F. Zeigler, Frank Brazelle, and Frank Donehoo ganged up on Clarence Latham and tagged Clarence chairman of the Executive Board. Apprentices aspiring to journeyman ratings will have to come up with some right answers to John Brown, Buddy Cole, Bob Edwards, Buddy Freeman, and Paul Howell.

Assistant Business Manager Bob Shadix traded a house and lot for a Leica camera. If all those fine photographs he has taken appear in the JOURNAL you readers will look at the cover to see if you have picked up a LIFE magazine by mistake. Assistant Business Manager Red Wise hobnobbed with the Governor of Oklahoma in late October when he attended the annual conference of the Joint Apprentice Trainers at Tulsa. His Excellency ought to give Red an oil well to supply that midnight oil he burns in his job as co-ordinator of the J.A.C.

Howard Durand returned to us after a long tour of duty for International Vice President, G. X. Barker. Our members who manufacture electrical goods are fortunate to have Howard's keen intellect constantly probing and planning and devising ways to better their wages and working conditions. His affairs are beyond my ken. He is our real journalist and some day I'll pressure him into reporting his accomplishments in these pages.

Brother Dick Rogers came down from Washington to iron out a hassle resulting from a dispute over election procedures. That resolution amending our by-laws, as you suggested Dick, was voted on by our various units. Thanks from all of us.

Atlanta continues to grow. An old brewery yields its downtown site to a motel. A new brewery crowds out a cotton field. Atlanta's biggest, newest, finest, the Fulton National Bank, tops out on the old City Hall site in time to see the steel skeleton of the great new Grady Hospital fresco its shadows on Butler Street. The new Express Way rips out old in-town residences while new subdivisions wrap around new shopping centers out in the sticks. It "shore" looks like we will have as many jobs as we have members in Local 613 one of these days.

Now a commercial for C.O.P.E. How many times since Roosevelt gave us the New Deal have you Southern workers been revolted by these words from Washington?—"The bill was defeated by a coalition of reactionary Republicans and Southern Democrats." Phffui!

Check the voting records compiled by our JOURNAL staff in the October 1954 JOURNAL.

Plunk out some bucks and pitch in some ballots to retire the venerable Walter from his lofty perch in Washington and let him come home to revel in the misery he has striven so mightily to maintain for the working people of Georgia.

O. B. CRENSHAW, P.S.

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## Presentation to 50-Year Member

L. U. 636, TORONTO, ONT.—We had a 50-year presentation in honor of one of our old members in the person of Vincent Lavoie who is retired but is very active. The presentation was made by William Ladyman, one of our International Representatives.

Brother Lavoie was presented with a smoking stand from the local by William Farquhar of Local 353, Toronto.

We have lost two of our older members in the persons of E. M. Kerr, who was killed by a car, and J. A. Simpson, who passed away very sud-

denly from a heart seizure two weeks before his 65th birthday. Brother Kerr was one of our abler past presidents who held the chair for a number of years.

We have put on an organizational campaign with which we have been very successful.

It has been a very long time since we have written to the JOURNAL, but trust the JOURNAL will hear from us more frequently from now on.

WILFORD W. BROWN, President

## Golden Jubilee



At a Local 636 presentation ceremony in Toronto, Ont., are International Representative William Ladyman (left) and Vincent Lavoie.

## Mark 31st Birthday Of Phoenix Local

L. U. 640, PHOENIX, ARIZ.—We have just celebrated our 31st birthday with a dinner dance at the Sciots' auditorium on North Central Ave.

Local 640 received its charter on January 17th, 1925, and only two of our charter members are still active. They are Al Adams and Dewey Wright.

The endless details that go with affairs such as this one were well handled by B. E. Montgomery's committee. Working on the committee were Al Wendt (our president), Norman Berken, Keith "Pierre" Collier, Kenneth Graham, Bill Hornsby, Tommy Kelleher, George Coleman, and last but not least Rudy "Powerhouse" Schubnell.

Al Davis' nine-piece orchestra furnished an evening full of danceable and listenable music. The Sciots admit that they have the largest dance floor in Arizona, and it was made good use of by members and their guests.

Too many members missed a large evening by not attending and the Caterer Pat Baldock and his all-union crew confided that they hauled off half the food after serving 657 dinners.

This shindig turned into a double-barreled affair when the local honored Business Agent Henry Van Ess on completing 16 years as the local's representative, with a beautiful blonde (television set) that has a picture tube large "enuff" to see a whole tiddley-wink tournament at once. Van has seen the local membership

increase 1000 per cent, from less than 80 to a round 800.

Arizona's governor, Ernest McFarland, was the guest speaker and gave an informal address encouraging the local in its activity. Other distinguished guests were International Representatives Lindstrom (from 640) and Barclay, and International Vice President Art Edwards who presented service pins to 17 members.

We were grieved deeply by the passing of our late International President J. Scott Milne and though we be late, we do wish to add our sympathy to that of the rest of the Brotherhood. It was the good fortune of most of us in the west to know Scott personally, not only as a strong union leader, but also as a dedicated Christian layman.

VELMER SMITH, P.S.

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## Retirement Party In Bay City, Mich.

L. U. 692, BAY CITY, MICH.—Brother Norman Schook was honoree at a retirement party given by the local members. Being a charter member, Brother Schook is the first man to retire in the history of our local. Besides receiving a watch in honor of his retirement, he also received a 25-year pin.

To start off his retirement, he and his wife purchased a new mobile home and are taking an extended trip to Florida via Denver, Colorado.

Congratulations to you, Brother Schook, and may your retired years be as many as your working years.

DONALD BONEM, R.S.

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## History of Paducah Atomic Energy Project

L. U. 702, WEST FRANKFORT, ILL.—In the early fall of the year 1950, officials of the Atomic Energy Commission called a group of officials together in Washington, D. C. from the public utilities of the Middle West and laid before them a heretofore secret plan for the erection of a gaseous diffusion plant near Paducah, Kentucky, for the separation of uranium 235 from natural uranium.

To meet the requirements of the power to be supplied, a proposal was made whereby the Tennessee Valley Authority would supply half the load, the other half to be supplied by privately-owned electric power companies. A new company was organized by a five company combine, namely Union Electric Company, Central Illinois Public Service Company, Illinois Power Company, Kentucky Utilities Company and Middle South Utilities Company. This new company was named Electric Energy, Inc.

## Phoenix Charter Anniversary



The festive head table at the 31st anniversary party of Local 640, Phoenix, Arizona.



One of the features of the "anniversary dinner" staged by Local 640 was the presentation of 17 "old-timer" pins. Shown above is International Vice President Art Edwards, presenting the emblems. Back row (left to right): 20 year pins: Paul Sidener, Ed DeBerge, W. R. McSpadden, William Brimer, Henry Van Ess, Charles Hendricks, Charles Gray. Second row: 25 year pins: Frank Seville, Jerry Kindred, Glen Lawton, Q. H. Martin, Oliver Johnson. Third row: 30 year pins: W. W. Duncan, Bill Cunningham, Glen Kiger Archie Peifer. Front row: 40 year pin: J. I. McAlister.



At left, Governor Ernest MacFarland addresses the members and guests, while Bill Lester, engineer and announcer of Radio Station KOY and member of Local 640, Mrs. MacFarland and Mrs. Lester listen. Above: Business Agent Henry Van Ess expresses his appreciation to the local for the handsome television set presented to him.

The five sponsoring companies entered into a contract to interchange power with Electric Energy, Inc., which will insure an uninterrupted supply of power to the Atomic Energy Commission, as well as provide an additional supply of power to the sponsoring companies, as they

will have access to our surplus generation.

An interchange of power was made possible by a vast network of existing power lines and by construction of additional lines and installation of substation equipment.

The Joppa Steam Electric Power Station has been in full scale operation since August 5, 1955. It is located on the north bank of the Ohio river, two miles west of Joppa, Illinois,

## At Joppa Atomic Installation



On the last day of work on the Joppa Steam Electric Power Station near Joppa, Ill., the crew from Local 702, West Frankfort, Ill., posed. Front row, left to right: Jack Horsley; Eugene Stephens; Eugene Wilkerson; Floyd Williams. Standing: James Johnson; J. O. Jones, timekeeper; C. M. Taylor; Mr. Dahl; Luther Horsley; Harry Cook; Allen Cavitt; Raymond Wilson; Hubert Maddox. Top row: Don Moore; Eugene Dobyns and Edward Thompson.



This picture shows the size of the No. 6 generator which is being assembled by members of Local 702 with the assistance of some traveling Brothers.

about eight miles west of Metropolis, Illinois, and northeast across the river from the Paducah Area Atomic Energy Gaseous Diffusion Plant. It is served by the Central and Eastern Illinois Railroad, which ties with the railroad networks through Southern Illinois and Western Kentucky coal fields. Coal is also received by barge.

The Joppa Power Plant consists of six turbo-generators, having a gross output of 175,000 kilowatts each, or a total of 1,050,000 kilowatts. The turbines are supplied with steam from single boilers.

All major auxiliary equipment is electrically driven. The larger motors are supplied at 4160 volts. Smaller motors and coal handling equipment are driven by motors supplied at 440 volts.

The amount of circulating water in the plant is 504,000 gallons per minute, enough to supply the normal water needs of St. Louis, Cincinnati,

Indianapolis, Memphis, Boston, and Columbus. If all the boiler tubes were laid end to end they would reach from Chicago, Illinois to Charleston, West Virginia, a distance of 492 miles. Six thousand feet of electric cable were used in the job, enough to reach from St. Louis, Missouri to Montreal, Quebec; 202,500 cubic yards of concrete were used, enough to build 113 miles of highways. The peak employment of electricians was approximately 600.

No doubt several of you have heard of the difficulties and troubles that we had on this job, but I can definitely say that you could not place nearly all the blame on labor.

The last two units were installed by the General Contractor—Bechtel Corporation out of San Francisco, California—and they only had one work stoppage due to labor trouble.

The electrical contractor was Pierce Electric Company of Chicago, Illinois

and I am happy to say that they cooperated with our local union 100 per cent and we did not lose one minute's time due to troubles with this company.

We want to thank all the travelers who worked on this job and who assisted us in making it a good job.

We appreciate the cooperation we got from the officers of sister locals in securing competent men.

J. O. JONES, B.M.

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## Working Conditions, Wages Much Improved

L. U. 779, COLUMBUS, GA.—Greetings from L. U. 779. It has been a long while since a letter has been published from here. However, since our new President (Brother Powell) appointed me press secretary, I feel that the least I can do is get started.

To our travelling members, I might say that the picture has changed here considerably. The new officers are on their toes. Meetings are well attended and are brief. The council gave us a 12½ cents per hour increase in wages but wrecked our transportation clause. I must say that working conditions have improved considerably and we are looking forward to even better conditions. Because of the recent slack period in work (pre-contract lull), many of our boys were forced to travel to other jurisdictions and some have had their eyes opened and are coming back with constructive ideas. This correspondent has always contended that all members should travel some. It is good for the union.

After several years of "homesteading," I finally shook loose and with a traveler in my hip pocket and my tool

box in the trunk, headed for L.U. 644, which is in Baytown, near Houston. After about six weeks, I was headed home with a suitcase full of dirty clothes and many pleasant memories of meeting and working with buddies whom I had not seen for years. It was indeed a pleasure to see all the old friends and meet new ones and witness the progress made by that local union. I was present at the opening of their attractive new hall which is something to be proud of. The members of that local are to be congratulated.

We are also occupying our new hall and office. I think that our membership is 100 percent proud that we are. I have not heard the first complaint.

Before I run out of space, I would like to comment on the politicians. It seems that Senator George has or is going to have the effrontery to ask the voters of Georgia to put him back in the Senate. His anti-labor votes in the Senate will assure him his retirement this next election. He has consistently voted against labor since he was placed in the Senate and now labor is going to vote against him. It is too bad that we can't unseat all Congressmen who so readily voted for 90 cents as a minimum wage. By the way, I have not heard of any of them turning down the wage increase that they voted for themselves.

In closing, I would like to remind the electricians of this State that although Senator George can vote against your standard of living at every session of the Senate, that the only chance for you to vote against his standard of living is once every six years.

E. W. HARPER, P. S.

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## Suggest Training Of Local Committees

L. U. 794, CHICAGO, ILL. (continued from last month) — Reference was made by Brother Ingram concerning preparations to train some of our rep-

# PRESS SECRETARY of the Month



Brother "Knute" Mallett

The great Northwest is the scene of our press secretary salute this month and Seattle's L.U. 46 and its news correspondent "Knute" Mallett are due for congratulations.

Brother Mallett is a native Seattleite. Even before his graduation from Lincoln High School in that city, he developed an early interest in things electrical, through his uncle W. R. Newman, electric shop foreman

for Tacoma City Light. He received trade training at the Edison Vocational School and during World War II spent two years in a Coast Artillery mobile searchlight battalion and one and a half years in the Signal Corps. Brother Mallett says he appreciates his dues being kept up through military assessment all through this period.

After his return from service Brother "Knute" says he worked chiefly "narrowbacking" in Seattle, with the exception of a couple of years "booming" in Alaska.

Incidentally Brother "Knute's" picture was taken while he was in Alaska. He says it is rumored that beards are coming back in style, but they are always in style in Alaska.

In addition to his activities as press secretary, Brother Mallett serves his local on the Educational Committee and also represents the union in the Card and Label League which is the public relations group for the Seattle area.

His hobbies are building a weekend house, working as building manager of a neighborhood boys club, and teaching his year-old son "Scotty" to keep his teeth away from the lamp cords.

Brother Mallett has been press secretary for L.U. 46 for nearly four years. Keep up the good work, Brother!

representatives. It was his opinion that while this is all well and good, he thought some consideration should be given to training local committees. We hope that our International officers will take this matter under advisement.

In the November issue of the JOURNAL, a report of the Railroad meeting held in Chicago September 23, 1955 at the Morrison Hotel was given.

A very interesting report was given by Brother Keenan, who reviewed the financial condition of the Pension Fund, which seems to be fairly stabilized.

Brother Duffy introduced Brother Gordon Freeman who succeeded the late Brother Scott Milne as International President. Brother Freeman spoke briefly, but modestly that he was raised as a union man, made an honest admission that he is not too familiar with conditions on the railroad, but since his associations with Brother Duffy he is much more enlightened on this industry.

In the presence of the International President and Secretary, I took the privilege of airing my views for the members of my Local 794.

While we all realize the importance of the stability of the Pension Fund, also the efforts being made by the Executive Council to maintain that stability, nevertheless we believe more consideration should have been given to the hourly rates of pay both in the Railroad and Construction industries. For example I stated that we on the railroads have a basic rate of pay of \$2.02, as compared to \$3.38 per hour in the construction industry. (Note) When I started writing this article

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## Support Community Projects



Both contractors and members of Local 867, Sandusky, Ohio, turned out in force to contribute their efforts toward the success of the city's Christmas decorations.



A day's work of 70 members of Local 867 is represented in the \$750 check Mrs. Karl T. Rinderle, executive secretary of the Erie Council of Parents and Friends of Exceptional Children, is shown receiving from William S. Frankel, Jr., president of the Sandusky Retail Merchants' Association. At extreme left is Forrest Kistler, Local business representative, and at far right, Charles Westerhold, secretary of the merchants' association.

we on the railroad industry as Journeymen were being paid \$2.02 an hour. However since then our basic rate has been increased to \$2.16½ with an additional 2 cents which will give us complete coverage for hospitalization for all our members. This is all well and good. But there is a difference of \$1.22 in take home pay.

In continuing this report I brought to the attention of our chief executives a clause I referred to—a 60-day waiting period. This hinders us in processing grievances from the initial stage. It would be well for our chief executives to review this clause in the hope that a revision be made in future negotiations for a contract with the carriers.

This is the first time I had the pleasure of attending a Progress Railroad meeting. While it had great educational value, I would like to see more action and participation from the grass roots level.

During the time of the Boer-War, when England was engaged in hostilities with the Boers in Africa, an old General Ian McLaren had gathered his troops about him telling them that they were about to go into battle. He said "men while this is a great responsibility we are about to undertake, we must do it together, because as you know, generals are no use without an Army." This is as true today as it was then.

W. S. McLAREN, P. S.

## Commend Members of Wage Data Committee

L. U. 835, JACKSON, TENN.—Another year finished . . . It seems that it was only yesterday that I was writing Happy New Year to you fellows. Again let me wish this for you this year.

Well the 21st J.U.A. Wage Conference is over and I would like to take this opportunity to thank Tom Payne, International Representative out of Bert Pett's office for the good work he did in this Conference. Also, Clyde Harkins for the good work he did. Pete Hall and Bill Lewis and all the boys on the Wage Data Committee did a wonderful job also.

Brothers W. E. Nichols, Billy Joe Kirby, and yours truly, attended the conference representing Local Union 835. It was good to get together with our friends and have our bull sessions.

We of Local Union 835 wish at this time even though a little belatedly to congratulate Brother Gordon Freeman on being elected our new president. We feel that he is just the man for the job. I for one know, he is one swell person, and that the job will never be too big or the hours too long for him to give his best. We are all for you Brother Freeman, and want you to know that we are ready at all times to help you in any way that we can.

J. W. GOODWIN, P. S.

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## Interviews Now Screen Apprentice Applicants

L. U. 840, GENEVA, N.Y.—A new apprenticeship program has been started in our local, whereby apprenticeship applicants are screened with

a written examination and oral interviews, before given employment. This is administered by a joint board, consisting of the Apprenticeship Committee and Local 840's contractors. Previously, the business manager selected the new apprentices, but we have adopted this plan to enable the contractor to have a choice in selecting whom he will hire. This program was put into effect after Harold Shar and Charles Theise attended State Apprenticeship meetings and brought back the ideas. Brother Harold Shar was the guiding force in putting this system into effect.

The traveling superintendent of Blake Electric Company, Brother James Blake, had a six-point buck almost mow him down while hunting in the Adirondacks. After the deer died of sheer exhaustion (and a little help from a 30:06 manned by Jim), he was carried back to Geneva on the fender of the Pontiac. No one else in our local that I know of had this good fortune, but many of us were scouring the countryside with high hopes of venison.

As of this writing, our membership seems to have 100 percent employment. We're hoping for the continuation of this prosperity.

At our recent election of officers for the Geneva Federation of Labor, our business manager, Charles Theise, was elected sergeant at arms.

Several of 840's members and myself enjoyed the editorial by President Freeman, on automation. It brought to light the infancy of the electrical industry and what is in store for it.

We have obtained the services of Professor Houseman, radio and electronics instructor at Hobart College, to instruct us in different phases of electronics relative to the electrical industry. More about this as it develops further.

If you have trouble getting to sleep at night, just lie near the edge of the bed, you'll soon drop off!

LEE R. BLAKE, P. S.

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## Win 10c Per Hour Boost in Lake Charles

L. U. 861, LAKE CHARLES, LA.—Local Union 861 opened its contract October 1st and reached an agreement for a 10 cent per hour wage increase becoming effective January 1, 1956 on all work and continuing in effect until October 1, 1957. Proposals and counter-proposals were submitted back and forth by both parties until a satisfactory agreement was reached. Mediation, negotiation and arbitration across the board were shown all the way through in good faith and with good relationship shown.

A concession that was rightfully ours to make was assured to the con-

tractors, for peaceful settlement, that the business manager would remind all members that we work to get work and as a team, we should do the work. With Red Lard on the Negotiating Committee were D. C. Powell and O. R. O'Neal.

A bright outlook for work in this area was assured the members by Red Lard, business manager. All members are presently employed with work gradually growing plentiful. He expressed in earnest his tribute, thanks and good wishes to the members of the Executive Board, who as group, have given their energy and devotion to their duties with untiring service. The following members are on the Executive Board: E. T. Browning, chairman, P. E. Carpenter, vice-chairman, J. M. Fox, recording secretary, A. A. Le Blanc, financial secretary, George W. Minton, treasurer and Edward Daigle and Scott M. Fuller. In olden days members served the officers, nowadays officers serve the members. Both should serve one another.

Two resolutions were read at separate meetings in October and were voted upon. One was to assess the maintenance members two percent of their earnings, another was presented to cut construction members assessments from three percent to one percent. Both were defeated by a large majority.

Dixiecrat's "Right-to-Wreck" bill revealed its worth at Lake Charles Airbase, built with local tax-payers' money. Foreign labor was being paid \$1.00 per hour as a sheriff's investigation of a citizen's picket line revealed.

T. L. Camalo, our office girl, is doing well at selling members shares in the Local's Federal Credit Union. One member bought \$1,000.00 in shares to give continued support to the Credit Union.

Ernest Gones, former Business Manager of Port Arthur, Texas,

## On Pension



Brother E. R. Predmore, first pensioner of Local 949, Austin, Minn.

worked with us for a short spell, but was called back to work at home.

JOHN MONTALBANO, P. S.

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## Local 867 on Two Fine City Projects

L. U. 867, SANDUSKY, OHIO—We have received nothing but praise and kind words for our two-way civic project for the year, and it has gone a long way to change a lot of people's opinions about our Brotherhood in this town. For this reason, we thought the rest of our Brothers would like to know a little about it.

Some 70 or so of our members donated a day's work in "Operation Christmas Lighting" and put up the first outside Christmas decorations in Sandusky's downtown business district since World War II. At the same time a check for \$750, representing one day's work, went to the Erie-Co. Council of Parents and Friends of Exceptional Children.

Local 867's members and eight electrical construction firms who donated their work and equipment for the Christmas lighting project had done so only with the provision that a donation would be made to a charity in return for their work. And the charity agreed upon was that of Exceptional Children.

Christmas decorations used were furnished by the Sandusky Retail Merchants' Association. Contractors participating in the project were Universal Marine Construction Company, Diamond S., Inc., Erie Electric Company, Traut Electric Company, Renwand Electric Company, Brady Electric, Fresch Electric Company, and from Cleveland, the David Murray Electric Company.

Speaking of this project by which both the public and exceptional children would benefit, William S. Frankel, Jr., president of the Sandusky Retail Merchants' Association said, "only the fine cooperation of the electrical workers and the eight union electrical contractors has made it possible for the merchants' association to carry out this operation."

FORREST KISTLER, B.M.

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## First Pensioner of Austin Local 949

L. U. 949, AUSTIN, MINN. — With the month of December, E. R. (Ted) Predmore, became the first member of Local Union 949 to go on the I.B.E.W. Pension Roll.

Brother Predmore was initiated in Local 431, Mason City, Iowa, on January 18, 1934, depositing his traveler in Local Union 949 in November, 1949.

Brother Predmore began his line

work in 1908 and continued his work as a lineman with the Otter Tail Power Company at Bemidji, Minnesota, from the time of his transfer to Local Union 949 until his retirement for reasons of health last August.

We of Local Union 949 wish him many happy years.

Local Union 949 was chartered in August, 1933, and our greatest membership growth was during the period from 1936 to 1940 when we were organizing the utilities and inside groups in our area.

We have many members, initiated during that period, who have now reached age 65 and will, within the next few years, be entitled to their I.B.E.W. Pension.

Prior to World War II, we were seldom required to produce a birth certificate, and some of us, being dumb like a fox, found ourselves in our youth to be older than our birth certificate might indicate and in middle age found ourselves younger than our birth certificate might indicate.

Because of those discrepancies, we are advising our members, who have retired and are awaiting their 20 years of continuous good standing before applying for their I.B.E.W. Pension, to take steps well in advance to determine whether their correct birth date appears on their I.B.E.W. appli-

cation as recorded in the International Office.

In like manner, our present members, who are approaching age 65 with 20 years good standing, should check with the local union well in advance of their retirement date so that any errors which may have occurred in the past can be corrected without delay with regard to going on the I.B.E.W. Pension Rolls.

W. H. FOARD, B. M.

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## Local Holds Third Annual Yule Party

L. U. 1073, AMBRIDGE, PA. — The Social Benefit Association of Local 1073, National Electric Products Corporation, held its third annual children's Christmas party for union members' children up to the age of 12. The party was held at the Ambridge High School.

The children were met at the door by Santa Claus, Stanley Karolak, Rubber Mill department and treated with candy and cookies. When leaving, the children were given a toy selected from eight different kinds. There was a movie featured and a stage show given by the pupils of the Doris Singer School of Dancing. The

program included E. Towne, pianist; Billy Kroepil and Jane Towne, tap dancers; Karen Tidmore, acrobatic dancer; Linda Miller, toe dancer, and Jerry Stowski, Jr., accordion soloist who is the son of Jerry Stowski, repair gang.

The Peggy Ann School of Dance presented Susan Sapp as pianist, when Nancy Kozel gave a toe dance, Sandra Sichak an acrobatic routine, and the twin daughters Marlene and Darlene, of Marty Lang, electrician, a tap dance.

Door prizes were won by five girls and five boys. The winners were Tim Zajac, Barbara Gozur, Gloria J. Sturm, Debby Kline, Arthur Senkevich, Joanne Dzan, Marge Molter, Albert Gardfatio, Tom Garizas and Eugene Mason. Door prizes for the girls included a doll, baby carriage and a blackboard, while the boys' gifts included a repair truck, log truck, and earphones. These were donated by J. Fingeret.

The Taylor Milk Company donated two one-half gallons of ice cream and Joe's Beverage donated two large rag dolls.

The committee for the party included Patsy Vellano, as chairman and John Wolf. The new committee elected, includes Herbert Hartle as its new chairman and Nazzie Mur-

## Receive Their IBEW Charter



At the presentation of their new charter to Local 1038, Houston, Tex., by International Representative Forest Conley, the members look proud and happy.

## Yule Party in Ambridge



These pictures were taken at the Christmas party given by the Social Benefit Association of Local 1073, Ambridge, Pa., for children of the employees of the National Electric Products Corporation. The two men standing by Santa Claus are, left, Herbert Hartle, chairman of the Social Benefit Association, and John Deyber, local union president.

schetz, Jan Colades, Andy Maker and Tom Tountas as members.

Your Bylaw Committee is composed of James Rizzo, Shipping department, Robert Park, Weatherproof department, and Andy Maker, Press room. If you have any complaints about the union bylaws, see any one of these men.

John Psinka, assistant laboratory technician, commercial and industrial free lance photographer and former employe of the Test department, died suddenly on December 4th of a heart attack at the age of 42. Our sympathy goes to his family.

JOHN GOZUR, P. S.

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## Urges Unity, Militancy In Coming Election

L. U. 1208, SAVANNAH, GA.—The American people in every community must be made aware of the Fascist methods used by big business and its stooges in Washington and the state capitals in its plans to cripple the unions and destroy our standards of living. Public opinion must be won in order to preserve the labor movement as the bulwark of our democracy. From the smallest community to the halls of Congress, labor must join with the people to expose the game of the reactionaries.

Every member must pull his own weight in the battles ahead. No one must take a "let George do it" attitude.

Greater unity and militant action are imperative in the face of employer provocation. That means the strength of every union member must be hurled into this fight. Those members on the sidelines in this period are letting down not only their union but the whole labor movement.

We must rely on our economic and political strength and build greater unity with all union workers to protect our contracts and our bargaining rights.

The Taft-Hartley Act contains not one but scores of union breaking provisions. The combined effect of these anti-union provisions is overpowering. That the unions of this country have survived under this law is a testimonial to their strength and to the determination of American workers to have unions.

The Taft-Hartley Act is long and complicated. The act outlaws any sort of real union security. The closed shop is prohibited, while the courts have held closed shops to be perfectly legal since almost the earliest days of the labor movement.

The Wagner Act did not legalize the closed shop. It left the law as it found it. As long as there has been collective bargaining in America there have been closed shop contracts. Labor relations are considerably smoother as a result of the closed shop.

Trade unions have demonstrated genuine responsibility under closed shop contracts, and have contributed substantially to the improvement of production. Labor history shows that employer opposition to closed shops is a mask which usually conceals the basic objective of destroying unionism.

Under a Taft-Hartley union shop, a union may seek the discharge of an

employee who has been expelled from the union only if he was expelled for non-payment of dues. If he was expelled from the union because he was trying to undermine or break its contracts, or was an employer spy, the union may not seek his discharge under Taft-Hartley.

Under the Taft-Hartley Act, a union can never obtain security against internal conflict or attacks of employers. Stability is eliminated from the collective bargaining relationship.

Employees need protection against unions about as much as a motorist needs protection against pedestrians.

The seven years of Taft-Hartley have fulfilled the predictions of American labor leaders and industrial relations experts that the act is a blow at labor. This fact becomes of vital importance in this election year.

J. J. WALLACE, P. S.

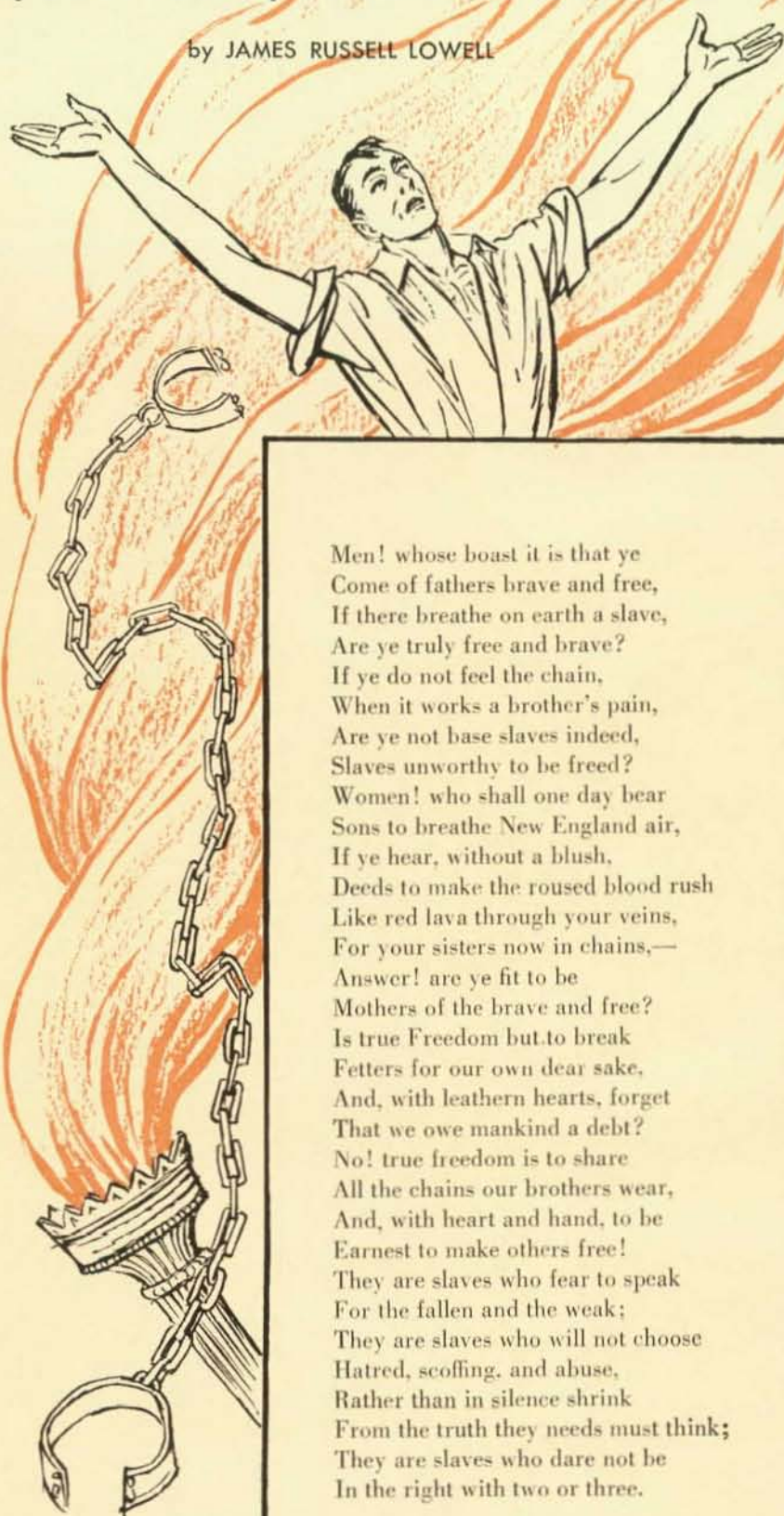
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## Win 8½c Wage Boost In Irwin Local

L. U. 1239, IRWIN, PA.—The members of Local 1239 of the IBEW employed at the Pittsburgh Reflector Company, Irwin, Pennsylvania received an eight and one-half cent in-

# STANZAS ON FREEDOM

by JAMES RUSSELL LOWELL



Men! whose boast it is that ye  
Come of fathers brave and free,  
If there breathe on earth a slave,  
Are ye truly free and brave?  
If ye do not feel the chain,  
When it works a brother's pain,  
Are ye not base slaves indeed,  
Slaves unworthy to be freed?  
Women! who shall one day bear  
Sons to breathe New England air,  
If ye hear, without a blush,  
Deeds to make the roused blood rush  
Like red lava through your veins,  
For your sisters now in chains,—  
Answer! are ye fit to be  
Mothers of the brave and free?  
Is true Freedom but to break  
Fetters for our own dear sake,  
And, with leathern hearts, forget  
That we owe mankind a debt?  
No! true freedom is to share  
All the chains our brothers wear,  
And, with heart and hand, to be  
Earnest to make others free!  
They are slaves who fear to speak  
For the fallen and the weak;  
They are slaves who will not choose  
Hatred, scoffing, and abuse,  
Rather than in silence shrink  
From the truth they needs must think;  
They are slaves who dare not be  
In the right with two or three.

crease in hourly wages which went into effect August 27th.

A vote of appreciation and thanks was given to our officers of this local, but we want to take this opportunity to thank them again, for they are a bunch of good guys.

Employment here at the Pittsburgh Reflector Company is at a new high, thanks to our Plant Manager Robert Zinsmeister, a young fellow who is well liked.

Labor and management are always in close harmony here. Once in a while something comes up, but it is quickly settled.

We wish to take this opportunity to thank our International Representative Andy Johnson for his help in negotiations.

WILLIAM W. ELLIOTT, F. S.

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## Progress on Hall Of Baltimore Local

L. U. 1383, BALTIMORE, MD.—Well Brothers how are you all feeling after celebrating the holidays and the anniversaries?

Your Scribe Sears hopes you enjoyed every day of the festivities. The weather was grand, and the spirits were flowing and everyone was under the impression they had everything under control, which they did.

My report from the yard will hold as the same as in the January issue.

Our meeting hall reports progress. Fellows be alert about working safely, and stress safety first, last and always with your fellow workers as well as in your homes—it will pay you.

So long from

REUBEN SEARS, P. S.

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## Board's Findings a Great Disappointment

L. U. 1389, LONG ISLAND CITY, L.I., N.Y.—Local Union 1389 wishes to congratulate its Ladies' Auxiliary on their Christmas and Chanukah party for the kiddies. The party was a tremendous success. The local is proud of the new auxiliary and wishes to thank them for their support and interest in our organization.

Regarding our recent wage negotiations, we are more than in accord with the words of President Leighty of the Telegraphers, when he so aptly stated in the journal, *Labor* that he was bitterly disappointed in the recommendations of the Presidential Fact Finding Board. Local Union 1389 has a very positive attitude regarding the stalling tactics used by the carriers in negotiations and will never rest until these tactics are nullified by a firm stand on retroactivity.

Our local is looking forward to the

return of Brothers Lenz, Meinken, Sheehan, Della Valle and Tiedge from the sick list and we hope that they will be back in service by the time this issue is released.

We send our regards with more than a bit of envy, to our Brothers enjoying seasonal transfers in Miami.

BILL SUDBRINK, Pres.

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## Local Entertained by "Edison Choraliers"

L. U. 1427, CHICAGO, ILL. — Enclosed are pictures of our local union meeting and Christmas Party held December 12, 1955 at the Midland Hotel, 172 West Adams Street.

Always on the alert for ideas contributing to a bigger and better meeting and Christmas Party, our committee sold the company a bill of goods whereby we were entertained by our outstanding "Edison Choraliers" under the direction of Mr. William Ballard, Director of Music at Northwestern University. This group was sponsored by the company during the past year and their performance was a distinct tribute to Director Ballard, and the many fine people making up the group of which Local 1427 is proud to number 45 of the 60 as their members.

It was necessary to conduct the drawing while the meeting was in progress. Due to our success in promoting prizes, our table display as shown consisted of 36 prizes, in addition to which we had 100 turkeys as a contribution from the local. Refreshments, a very fine orchestra and dancing completed the festivities of our best and long-to-be-remembered Christmas Party.

CARL E. LINDSTROM, B. M.

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## Graduate Three Harmon Apprentices

L. U. 1631, HARMON, N.Y.—During the last week of November 1955, three Electrical Workers apprentices came out of their time and became journeymen. These new Electrical Workers are Brothers Nat Emery, Ken Jacobs and Ted Arnold. Enclosed find pictures of them and also of the school.

On December the 14th last, our third annual Christmas party was held at the Moose Hall in Ossining, New York, for our sick and retired members. The retired members honored were Brothers J. Henderson and A. Vanderbilt. The sick members present were Brothers John Mackay, John Whalen and Edward Pierson. Unable to be present because of poor health were Brothers Jim Ryan, Art Bell, A. Sudmul and S. Morton. Christmas checks were mailed to all

## Committee at Work



These members of Local 1427, Chicago, made up the hard-working committee that laid plans for the Christmas party. Clockwise, from left: John Hefernan; Donald McGoorty; Robert E. Conway; May Kester; Ole Diesen; Mary Murphy; Louis Abrams; Leroy Thomson; Geo. Venson, chairman; Helmar Brown; Walter Winiger.



Part of the meeting of Local 1427 as James Foryst, F. S., gives his report.

the above sick Brothers. A fine time was had by all and a vote of thanks to Brother Pete Rice, chairman of the affair, and his committee is in order.

The charter of this Local Union will be draped for 30 days as we lost two Brothers over the Christmas and New Years holidays. Brother August Frei was born June 12, 1905 and died December 19, 1955, card number "A" 679259, initiated Local Union 817 New York, New York, March 26, 1936.

Brother William Valentine "BA" card number 169447 was 41 years of age when he died on December 24, 1955. Brother Valentine was initiated in Local Union 817 New York, New

York, May 27, 1948. Both these Brothers lived in Peekskill, New York. We mourn their loss.

DAVID H. VAN HOUTEN, P. S.

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## Announces New Slate Of Ottawa Officers

L. U. 1654, OTTAWA, OHIO—First things first—Here is the list of our new officers elected for 1956 and 1957: President, Homer Stall; vice president, Dick Reese; secretary, Henrietta Brinkman; treasurer, Eugene Weber. Executive Board members:

## Aid in Chicago Christmas Party



The well-known Edison Choraliers highlighted the entertainment at the Christmas party of Local 1427, Chicago, Ill. Their director is W. M. Ballard of the Northwestern University Department of Music.



Display of gifts (excluding turkeys) distributed at popular festivities.

Calvin Moore, Don Neise, Donald Miller, Virgil Kaufman, Ray Kirkendall.

These new officers will need our complete cooperation and help. It is up to us to give it to them. And I think we all owe a sincere vote of thanks to J. E. Haas, the outgoing president who has served us since the birth of the local. I hope we can continue to use his knowledge and experience.

During the recent White House Conference on Education, this topic was brought up in the shop. Too many bright, industrious, almost penniless scholars are denied higher education while some playboys with rich pappas waste time in college. Why not have the Federal Government underwrite a scholarship fund, paying all expenses to any college, university, conservatory, technical institute or whatever the individual wants, to the top five percent of a graduating class, either on a local, county, or state basis? How about your comments? After all, brains are our most important assets.

Anything you want cussed or discussed in this column, please let me know.

EUGENE J. WEBER, P. S.

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### Introduces Portsmouth Public Service Local

L. U. 1837, PORTSMOUTH, N. H.—To the best of my knowledge, this is the first correspondence from Local 1837 to appear in our JOURNAL. This local represents the employees at Schiller Station of the Public Service Company of New Hampshire.

The station consists of two mercury boilers and turbines and one steam turbine, which is called the Binary-Cycle, plus two additional 40,000 K.W. high pressure, high temperature units, with unit six under construction.

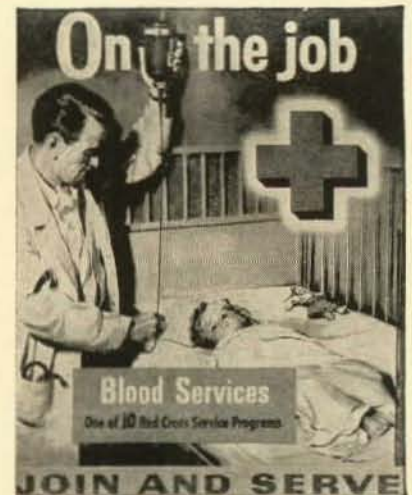
As most of you know, the first contract is not always the easiest one to negotiate. We started negotiations

for our second contract with the Public Service Company of New Hampshire on November 30, and we are expecting good cooperation between the local and the company.

I would like to mention that Robert Snow, a member of our local, has designed and is producing a new packing cutter which cuts packing on a 45 or 90 degree angle. For further information, write to Roford Manufacturing Company, P.O. Box 94, Newton, New Hampshire.

More news to come from this local after our new contract is negotiated.

RUDOLPHE E. JONCAS, P. S.



## Harmon Graduation Ceremonies



At the recent graduation ceremonies for three apprentices staged by Local 1631, Harmon, N. Y., are, left to right, seated: Machinists Apprentice S. Hudson; Electrical Apprentice Nat Emery; Ken Jacobs; Ted Arnold. Standing: George Churcher, general apprentice instructor; Al Braun, instructor; J. Henken, president, Local 753; I. A. of M. Master Mechanic M. Hoffman; Alfred D. Ciano, U. S. Labor Department; Peter Puglia, Local 1631 president.

## Automation

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Worker," these two realized the local must train its members to do any kind of electrical work, regardless of the specialization.

The big task of organizing the school, securing books, instructors, instruments, and preparing a course of study was given to H. Lee Brun, executive director of apprentice training. Brother Brun also is the secretary of the Executive Board of Local No. 1, and an elected member of the Board of Education.

Brun's first step was to call in Marvin Yavitz and Ray Lancaster. These two worked as Brun's assistants and helped get the school started, and since both are accredited instructors, they are acting as supervisors of instruction in the school.

At present, seven major subjects are being taught—the subjects members of L. U. 1 selected in a survey sent out last December. The response to the survey was terrific. Hundreds of members returned



Electrical apprentices in the school room of the Harmon Shops of the New York Central Railroad.

their questionnaires . . . and the subjects that they listed are now being taught at the Hadley school.

Receiving the greatest response was a course titled "Fundamentals of Practical Electricity." Some 200 men signed up for the course. Following in order of preference are: "Practical Mathematics," with 196 enrolled; "Elementary Electronics" with an enrollment of 50; "Blue Print Reading" with 45 in the class; "Interpretation of National and City Electrical Codes" with 35 students; "AC and DC Machinery" has 18 students, and "Electrical Instruments" has 16.

Classes are held four nights a

week from 6 to 10 p.m. The cost is low. Each member who attends one class a week pays \$6.00, or \$9.00 for two classes a week. The courses continue for 15 weeks. There are now 38 separate classes with 28 instructors. The courses are designed to cover six semesters of 15 weeks each over a period of three years.

Before we go any further, let's be sure we're not confusing this new classroom study with apprentice training. Local No. 1 has long had a successful school for apprentice training. In this, the apprentice serves 8,000 hours of on-the-job training and 576 hours of related instruction in class

rooms under competent instructors who are members of Local No. 1. These men all have teaching certificates or are working towards that degree.

However, the new Local No. 1 school is more of a "post-graduate" school offering training in the new phases and techniques in the electrical field. At present it is open only to journeymen, construction and maintenance men, but it is hoped that by the beginning of the next school year it will be open to all other members of Local No. 1.

In conversations with men at the opening sessions, one heard only praise for the method of teaching and quality of the classwork and textbooks. They were quick to point out, too, that all that was needed to enroll in the school was a desire to obtain the education and regular attendance at classes. They realized it was a big undertaking on their part, but with many years of work ahead of them, they wanted to take their places in the growing and expanding electrical industry.

We acknowledge with thanks the pictures and information for this article which were sent to us by Frank Kauffman, faithful press secretary of L. U. 1. Brother Kauffman included in his article the following:

"Credit for the school should go to the many who were instrumental in its organization. Of course, the first would be Business Manager Ed Redemeier who formulated the idea and to John O'Shea who helped get the ball rolling. O'Shea still helps out at the school and also attends one of the practical math classes "just to improve my mind," as he says. Others deserving credit are Lee Bruns, director of apprentice training, who took over the job of executive director of the project and to Marvin Yavitz and Ray Lancaster, his assistants.

"Local No. 1 also owes a vote of thanks to the Federal Office of Apprentice Training for their help; to the principal and director of teachers at Hadley Vocational School who have cooperated in this project; to International President

## Our Cover

It might seem strange to some of our members to show flowers in bloom on the February cover of our JOURNAL. But spring comes early to Washington and pansy plants and azaleas are set out in all our public parks sometimes before the snow has gone. So—we bring you an early breath of spring on the cover of your JOURNAL this month—a promise of things to come everywhere.

Gordon Freeman and his staff for their encouragement and help, and to the instructors who give freely of their time to train and instruct the students.

"Although none of us can look into the future, I'd be willing to predict that members of all local unions throughout the I.B.E.W. will be required to take advanced training such as this in the near future. I'd also be willing to wager that the states will issue certificates equivalent to those received from engineering colleges . . . and the names journeymen, wiremen, will be forgotten and we'll be electrical specialists in various fields.

"We're proud that Local No. 1 is taking a big step in that direction with its new advanced training courses."

We're proud of that step, too, Brother and are quick to urge all our locals to follow suit.

## Records

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each occupying 3,000 cubic feet without any parallel surfaces, various amounts of reverberated sound can be electronically (by wire) injected into recording sessions in progress in the studios some 150 feet away. The outer walls of the chambers are 10 inches thick and the ceiling 12 inches thick, all of reinforced concrete. Inside these walls are completely isolated inner walls finished in two

inches of hard plaster and resting on a concrete slab, which in turn rests on a thick cork lining over the bottom concrete floor.

It was decided to sink the reverberation chambers in the ground after it was determined that the concrete would absorb 10 percent of the sound energy while the surrounding earth would absorb the remaining 90 percent.

These reverberation chambers are so designed that together with the "controlled acoustics" features of the studios and advanced-design electronic equipment, recording may be enhanced to include any degree or quality of "room tone" desired, with complete naturalness.

The chambers have been buried deep under the soil, over which an auto parking lot is being installed. Only entrance to the chambers is through a service tunnel from the ground floor of the building, which will be used only by Capitol's sound engineers in installing and maintaining the microphonic equipment in each chamber.

All of the electrical installation on this "record" building was performed by members of L. U. 11, Los Angeles, while L. U. 45, Hollywood, did all of the electronic installation work.

We acknowledge with thanks the material and pictures for this article which were supplied to us by Harry Stillman, business manager of L. U. 45.

## Poor Richard

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ordinary" until he became convinced that peace was hopeless.

Returning from England, he became a member of the Continental Congress which met in Philadelphia in 1775. Here he was chosen as one of a five-member committee charged with drawing up the *Declaration of Independence*, and was one of its signers. This was the time of his reported remark to John Hancock: "We must all hang together, else we shall all hang separately."

Then at the age of 70, the re-

nowned Dr. Franklin sailed for France to convince the government of that nation to aid the colonies in their fight for freedom. We all know how wonderfully successful he was in this mission, and how the French people developed a great love for the genial and learned Franklin who came to be regarded as the "modern Socrates."

It was Franklin, too, who helped draw up the treaty of peace with England after the War for Independence, and brought it home

with him in 1785 as he neared his 80th year.

Still virile and sharp-witted, Franklin now became governor of Pennsylvania and served as one of the most important members of the Constitutional Convention. When this convention drew up the *Constitution of the United States*, he approved it as one of the best plans of government that, in his opinion, could be devised.

One of his last acts, when in his 84th year, was to sign a petition to Congress for the abolition of

slavery. He died April 17, 1790 in Philadelphia, where, it is said, some 20,000 people attended his funeral.

So passed the life of the creator of Poor Richard, of the unique and richly-gifted Benjamin Franklin.

The French had a one-word tribute engraved on the pedestal of a bust of Franklin at his death. It is simply, "*Vir*"—"a man, a very man." And truly, to paraphrase Shakespeare, "He was a man, take him for all in all, (we) shall not look upon his like (soon) again."

## Death Claims for December, 1955

1. O. (1)	Stuerner, W. F.	1,000.00	8	Shrider, G. Jr.	1,000.00	379	Burkett, C. H., Jr.	1,000.00
1. O. (3)	Shaughtnessy, S. H.	333.34	11	Bibber, R. A.	1,000.00	386	Tinsley, H. T.	1,000.00
1. O. (3)	Kahn, A.	1,000.00	11	Kuhlman, R.	1,000.00	390	Hoffman, C. A.	1,000.00
1. O. (3)	Kell, J. H.	1,000.00	11	McAuliffe, J. F.	1,000.00	390	Gullory, E.	1,000.00
1. O. (3)	Presber, J. C.	1,000.00	11	Brighton, G. L.	1,000.00	394	Holser, C.	1,000.00
1. O. (3)	Matlowsky, A.	1,000.00	11	Palmer, L. A.	1,000.00	404	Curnew, A. J.	1,000.00
1. O. (3)	Collins, A. J.	1,000.00	11	Klang, F. H.	1,000.00	406	Cockburn, K.	1,000.00
1. O. (5)	Grant, W. D.	1,000.00	11	Bojorquez, J.	1,000.00	408	Perrior, W. L.	1,000.00
1. O. (9)	Engstrom, R. O.	1,000.00	17	Davies, H. J.	1,000.00	420	McDaniel, S. C.	1,000.00
1. O. (13)	Fairbro, J. C.	1,000.00	23	Wayne, N. J.	1,000.00	420	McGrady, R. M.	1,000.00
1. O. (11)	McIntire, W. T.	1,000.00	25	Poch, W. J.	1,000.00	456	Miller, L. C.	1,000.00
1. O. (11)	Ingersoll, T. S.	1,000.00	28	Schubert, J. W.	1,000.00	465	Albrecht, R. M.	1,000.00
1. O. (16)	Vaughn, G. L.	1,000.00	28	Kelsch, R. C.	1,000.00	474	Britton, B. A.	1,000.00
1. O. (18)	Sutton, D. L.	1,000.00	31	Nossam, E. P.	1,000.00	477	Watson, R. W.	1,000.00
1. O. (18)	Bunger, F. T.	1,000.00	35	Grady, J. J.	1,000.00	477	Stuart, R. C.	1,000.00
1. O. (28)	Schmidt, G. J.	1,000.00	38	Brass, L. K.	1,000.00	481	Diehl, J. J.	1,000.00
1. O. (38)	Jones, C. F.	1,000.00	38	McDermott, G. A., Jr.	1,000.00	482	Hoover, E. L.	1,000.00
1. O. (41)	Valente, A.	1,000.00	46	Wilson, F. J.	1,000.00	483	Betts, L. R.	1,000.00
1. O. (46)	Connors, E. C.	1,000.00	46	Whiteaker, J. G.	1,000.00	494	Mehlis, E. C.	500.00
1. O. (48)	Snyder, G. L.	250.00	48	Daly, W. C.	1,000.00	494	Grip, W.	1,000.00
1. O. (48)	Berry, C. E.	1,000.00	51	Smith, R. E.	1,000.00	499	Zimmerman, D.	1,000.00
1. O. (48)	Buckley, C. R.	1,000.00	53	Matt, W. C.	1,000.00	505	Williams, S. C.	1,000.00
1. O. (51)	Yeates, F.	1,000.00	55	Foster, J.	1,000.00	511	Hart, L. L.	1,000.00
1. O. (58)	Proffier, H.	1,000.00	58	Howd, R. O.	1,000.00	520	Hanberry, H. D.	1,000.00
1. O. (65)	Bolitt, T. H.	1,000.00	58	Casse, E. F.	1,000.00	531	Dionne, C. J.	825.00
1. O. (76)	Lilley, H. W.	1,000.00	59	Schofield, C.	1,000.00	538	Wright, H. A.	1,000.00
1. O. (103)	Walt, C.	1,000.00	65	McDonald, N.	1,000.00	542	Harrison, H. J.	1,000.00
1. O. (122)	Bornemann, W. C.	1,000.00	66	Anderson, W.	1,000.00	568	Trepianer, F. F.	1,000.00
1. Q. (125)	Nylander, A.	1,000.00	66	Bogness, R. B.	1,000.00	569	Frank, D. A.	1,000.00
1. O. (133)	Heinig, J.	1,000.00	66	Watson, T. C.	1,000.00	595	Thomas, W. J.	1,000.00
1. O. (134)	Delight, D. A.	1,000.00	66	Schroeder, R. W.	1,000.00	611	Bird, F.	1,000.00
1. O. (134)	Peden, J. J.	1,000.00	76	Cornish, G. E.	1,000.00	611	Ayling, J. J.	1,000.00
1. O. (134)	Thetford, J. R.	1,000.00	77	Dunn, J.	650.00	613	Crowe, C. D.	1,000.00
1. Q. (134)	Cox, J. R.	1,000.00	77	Morrow, R. A.	500.00	621	Stevens, J. L.	1,000.00
1. O. (134)	Wood, G. J.	1,000.00	77	Montgomery, R.	500.00	649	Malone, D. F.	1,000.00
1. O. (134)	Davis, H. A.	1,000.00	77	Branden, A. R.	1,000.00	654	McKelvy, H. W.	1,000.00
1. O. (153)	Daly, H.	1,000.00	79	Dantonello, W. N.	1,000.00	682	Simpson, P. L.	825.00
1. O. (160)	Kuhlmann, E. H.	1,000.00	80	Atkinson, W. C.	1,000.00	697	Myers, L. S.	1,000.00
1. O. (164)	Jefferys, G. F., Jr.	1,000.00	81	Fenwick, S. B.	1,000.00	719	Larose, J. O.	1,000.00
1. O. (213)	Sharples, R.	1,000.00	82	Carver, W. B.	1,000.00	719	Evans, W. W.	1,000.00
1. O. (224)	Gleason, H. G.	1,000.00	84	Leit, J. A.	500.00	734	Burke, J. A.	237.50
1. O. (232)	Dolven, H. J.	1,000.00	95	Richardson, G. A.	1,000.00	734	Spofford, G. E.	1,000.00
1. O. (245)	Schaumbueffel, R. C.	1,000.00	98	Brackton, T.	1,000.00	735	Pilgram, F. N.	825.00
1. O. (245)	Trumbull, J. O.	1,000.00	98	O'Rourke, T. J.	1,000.00	743	Parks, R.	1,000.00
1. O. (245)	Southwick, A. H.	1,000.00	103	Touffe, J. R.	1,000.00	744	Francis, V. A.	150.00
1. O. (348)	Cording, H.	1,000.00	107	Hickling, W. J.	1,000.00	744	Ford, B. E.	1,000.00
1. O. (465)	Clegg, A. E.	1,000.00	109	Folks, A. H.	650.00	744	Weber, V. D.	1,000.00
1. O. (534)	Stewart, A. C.	1,000.00	125	Blair, H. F.	650.00	759	Perry, F. E.	1,000.00
1. O. (537)	Cass, W. H.	1,000.00	125	Jones, E. A.	600.00	760	Jones, E. W.	1,000.00
1. O. (548)	Owens, A.	1,000.00	125	Chandler, J. W.	1,000.00	760	Heneagar, D. H.	1,000.00
1. O. (602)	McClain, A. S.	1,000.00	125	Chase, C. W.	1,000.00	783	Milham, H. E.	1,000.00
1. O. (702)	Adams, E.	1,000.00	133	Hunt, R. M.	1,000.00	784	Hudson, P. H.	1,000.00
1. O. (707)	DuPont, W. E.	1,000.00	134	Nemitz, H. J.	300.00	793	Powell, E. E.	1,000.00
1. O. (713)	Lenoch, W. L.	1,000.00	134	Murphy, W. E.	1,000.00	793	Williams, J. E.	475.00
1. O. (717)	Mathieu, J. J.	1,000.00	134	Conger, E. M.	1,000.00	812	Kushak, P. T.	1,000.00
1. O. (725)	Church, J. E.	1,000.00	134	Johnson, H. D.	1,000.00	814	Walter, J. G.	1,000.00
1. O. (734)	Carter, E. L.	1,000.00	134	Kostka, J. J.	825.00	817	Morris, R. H.	650.00
1. O. (822)	Wallace, J. Y.	1,000.00	134	Quinlan, J. B.	1,000.00	817	Forting, L.	1,000.00
1. O. (1002)	Kelly, F. C.	1,000.00	134	Bastie, J. B.	1,000.00	846	Bue, H. C.	1,000.00
1. O. (1392)	McGinnis, J. F.	1,000.00	134	Scheibel, H.	1,000.00	849	Bailey, L. F.	1,000.00
1	Shiz, J. S.	1,000.00	134	Orlov, J.	1,000.00	854	Norton, H. G.	1,000.00
2	Daegle, J. P.	1,000.00	147	Duer, W. S.	1,000.00	889	Houston, E. J.	1,000.00
3	Hopkins, W. H.	475.00	150	Michelson, E. M.	1,000.00	904	Evans, W. B.	650.00
3	Severino, S.	1,000.00	212	Kathman, E. P.	1,000.00	917	Sanderford, J. G.	1,000.00
3	Hogan, W. A.	1,000.00	230	Peterson, G. A.	1,000.00	934	Fair, J. W.	650.00
3	Koerner, W.	1,000.00	231	Pace, G. G.	1,000.00	963	Wengert, B. W.	1,000.00
3	Headwin, C. J.	1,000.00	236	Erting, E. C.	825.00	966	Mey, J. L.	1,000.00
3	Bernholtz, C.	1,000.00	245	Spurlock, J. B.	300.00	970	Harron, J. C.	1,000.00
3	Mandel, H. D.	475.00	275	Hill, H. G.	1,000.00	1002	Barnes, G. J.	1,000.00
3	Nelson, A.	1,000.00	289	Jones, R. W.	1,000.00	1002	Davis, W. E.	1,000.00
3	Joseph, W. M.	1,000.00	292	Green, C. N.	1,000.00	1072	Curd, S. F.	150.00
3	MacCarthy, C.	1,000.00	300	Backus, P. D.	1,000.00	1212	Dow, C. H.	1,000.00
3	Delehanly, F.	1,000.00	306	Frame, G.	1,000.00	1240	Hughes, D. R.	650.00
3	Stack, T. J.	650.00	309	Falkenrath, J. E.	1,000.00	1288	Arnold, J. M.	825.00
3	Bring, L. W.	1,000.00	315	Vercuss, R. C.	1,000.00	1579	Henderson, J. R.	1,000.00
3	Barbagallo, S.	1,000.00	315	Best, R. L.	1,000.00	1631	Frel, A.	1,000.00
3	James, R. A.	1,000.00	325	Bodley, E. L.	1,000.00	1831	O'Leary, J. J.	1,000.00
3	O'Toole, R.	1,000.00	344	Brunner, H.	1,000.00	1875	Limback, W. M.	1,000.00
3	Solomon, M.	1,000.00	352	Colt, W. F.	150.00			
5	Rivers, B.	1,000.00	352	Trombley, J. S.	150.00			
5	Beck, W. D.	1,000.00	353	Gordon, P.	1,000.00			
6	Mullan, J. J.	1,000.00	356	Wright, W. R.	1,000.00			
						Total	\$228,105.84	

# IN MEMORIAM



## Prayer for Our Deceased Members

*Our Father who art in heaven, Thou it was Who taught us to pray and in this manner. Thou it was Who taught men to be kind and considerate of other men and treat them all as Brothers.*

*Therefore, Father, we come to Thee with this prayer, confident of Thy answer. Many of those we called Brother have died, O Lord, and their names are listed here. Look gently on them, Father, speak to them kindly and lead them home. Keep them safe and happy in Thy home—their Father's home.*

*Be mindful too, Lord, of those who were close to them—their wives and children, their relatives and friends who loved them and miss them sorely. Promise them a place in Thy house also, Father, where they can be with their lost ones through all eternity.*

*And help us, Father, we who pray to Thee today. Teach us the real meaning of Brotherhood and the value of Thy Fatherhood. Keep us, guide us, love us, and then one day lead us home, to that home where the Brotherhood of man and the Fatherhood of God will reign in peace and joy forever. Amen.*

**James Foley, L. U. No. 25**  
Born December 6, 1896  
Reinitiated June 4, 1941  
Died December 23, 1955

**Erling P. Nossun, L. U. No. 31**  
Born January 20, 1912  
Initiated May 14, 1943  
Died December 14, 1955

**Fred Dyer, L. U. No. 40**  
Born May 11, 1901  
Initiated July 21, 1930  
Died January 12, 1956

**W. Arthur Hall, L. U. No. 40**  
Born January 29, 1883  
Initiated July 21, 1927  
Died April 4, 1955

**Abraham Keller, L. U. No. 40**  
Born December 25, 1893  
Initiated April 27, 1942  
Died January 20, 1956

**Robert Mazur, L. U. No. 40**  
Born December 24, 1904  
Initiated October 1, 1947  
Died January 8, 1956

**Charles S. Munroe, L. U. No. 40**  
Born May 10, 1891  
Initiated December 27, 1929  
Died April 7, 1955

**Fred Orth, L. U. No. 40**  
Born January 1, 1887  
Initiated June 29, 1946  
Died August 31, 1955

**O. C. Woodward, L. U. No. 40**  
Born February 27, 1884  
Initiated September 8, 1928 in  
L. U. No. 83  
Died March 10, 1955

**Charles R. Schofield, L. U. No. 59**  
Born October 27, 1892  
Initiated September 2, 1932  
Died November 30, 1955

**H. S. Pinero, L. U. No. 130**  
Born August 2, 1902  
Initiated February 16, 1943  
Died January 9, 1956

**Herman Dallman, L. U. No. 160**  
Born November 14, 1892  
Initiated March 27, 1937  
Died January 2, 1956

**John C. Albright, L. U. No. 310**  
Born May 6, 1897  
Initiated June 28, 1943 in  
L. U. No. 79  
Died December 16, 1955

**Carl J. Dylik, L. U. No. 310**  
Born February 2, 1898  
Initiated June 7, 1943 in  
L. U. No. 79  
Died November 17, 1955

**Howard M. Lloyd, L. U. No. 310**  
Born March 25, 1901  
Initiated December 10, 1945  
Died December 27, 1955

**Andre Tucci, L. U. No. 333**  
Born January 15, 1883  
Initiated April 2, 1937  
Died December 2, 1955

**Roy O. Alderdice, L. U. No. 353**  
Born September 9, 1898  
Initiated July 8, 1926  
Died December 9, 1955

**Peter Gordon, L. U. No. 353**  
Born November 25, 1904  
Initiated January 5, 1944  
Died November 21, 1955

**Bert Britton, L. U. No. 474**  
Born November 8, 1906  
Initiated December 6, 1940  
Died December 1, 1955

**Maurice S. Coe, L. U. No. 595**  
Born February 22, 1900  
Initiated June 9, 1943  
Died December 31, 1955

**William J. Geary, L. U. No. 595**  
Born August 24, 1874  
Initiated August 8, 1915  
Died January 16, 1956

**Wendall, J. Thomas, L. U. No. 595**  
Born October 22, 1904  
Initiated October 8, 1943  
Died November 15, 1955

**G. E. Spofford, L. U. No. 734**  
Born October 30, 1895  
Initiated August 2, 1940  
Died November 15, 1955

**Edward L. Heaney, L. U. No. 1049**  
Born November 10, 1912  
Initiated August 15, 1947  
Died January 17, 1956

**William S. Quinlan, L. U. No. 1049**  
Initiated March 26, 1937  
Died January 7, 1956

**James R. Stapleton, L. U. No. 1061**  
Born September 27, 1925  
Initiated November 3, 1950  
Died December, 1955

**John Edward Boswell, L. U. No. 1245**  
Born May 26, 1907  
Initiated November 1, 1945  
Died November 1955

**John B. Buckley, L. U. No. 1245**  
Born July 30, 1901  
Initiated January 10, 1951 in  
L. U. No. 1324  
Died December 1955

**Gunnar Fromm, L. U. No. 1245**  
Born February 26, 1902  
Initiated August 1, 1943  
Died December 1955

**William Martin Meier, L. U. No. 1245**  
Born August 19, 1916  
Initiated April 1, 1946  
Died January 1956

**Wilson J. Yarbrough, L. U. No. 1245**  
Born October 14, 1897  
Initiated April 1, 1955  
Died October 1955

**Hayden Ross Davis, L. U. No. 1335**  
Born February 18, 1934  
Initiated August 10, 1955  
Died January 6, 1956

**Roy E. Ames, L. U. No. 1505**  
Born August 17, 1919  
Initiated November 28, 1951  
Died January 8, 1956

**Alvin R. Criss, L. U. No. 1505**  
Born December 27, 1917  
Initiated November 22, 1950  
Died December 11, 1955

**Lillian Doucette, L. U. No. 1505**  
Born February 18, 1915  
Initiated May 1, 1946  
Died December 18, 1955

**Anna G. Ingalls, L. U. No. 1505**  
Born July 19, 1917  
Initiated April 23, 1952  
Died November 19, 1955

**Cecil Alfred Hope, L. U. No. 1598**  
Born November 8, 1908  
Initiated July 12, 1951  
Died May 31, 1955

**Albert Burton West, L. U. No. 1598**  
Born January 21, 1903  
Initiated April 1, 1949 in  
L. U. No. 1405  
Died October 4, 1955

"Know-how" is an advantage when applied in a useful way.  
Unlike the knowledge of cheating through the working day!

*A Bit o' Luck,*  
ABE GLICK,  
L. U. 3,  
New York, N. Y.

#### IT'S DANGEROUS

The world and its customs  
Are so hard to buy,  
When your hopes and your dreams  
Are high in the sky.

Its people are rushing  
Around, here and there.  
One could be killed,  
And no one would care.

Its cars are a menace,  
They toot and they race,  
And people lie injured  
All over the place.

Its airplanes, its trains,  
And its boats, they scare me,  
In the air, on the land,  
And out on the sea.

The world is dangerous,  
That may be true,  
But God made the world  
For me and for you.

SANDI LEE WESTFAHL,  
Daughter of Roland F.  
Westfahl, L. U. 494, Milwaukee, Wis.

#### "SMATTER WITH ME?"

I lost my pencil. I lost the ink.  
Where did I put them? Now let me think.  
Where are my glasses? They are gone too.  
Where is my toothbrush? I wish I knew.

Newspaper print is harder to see;  
Staircases are steeper than they used to be;  
Today's needles are hard to thread;  
When night comes, I'm anxious for bed.

I've gained weight. Scales don't lie.  
I must cut out that good apple pie.  
They say I repeat the statements I make;  
The change in my friends, just keeps me awake.

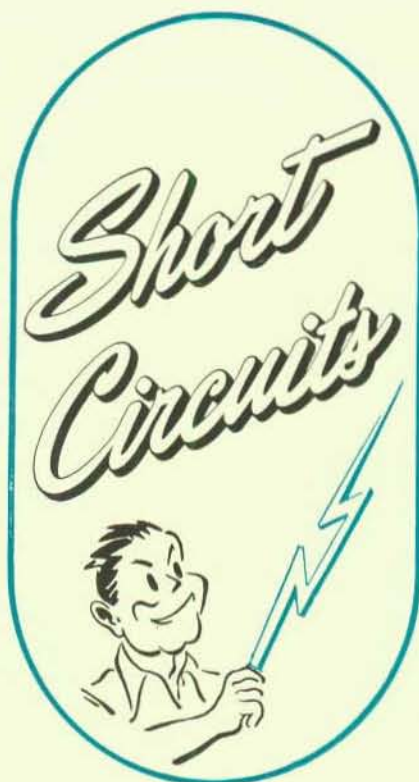
I used to get compliments galore,  
The glass in the mirrors isn't good anymore.  
I wonder if the years are doing something to me?  
Oh no! Impossible! It just can't be.

Why my birthday is August the ...  
Oh no! I won't tell. Oh, dear me,  
Material is shrinking. It's no good at all.  
When was I born? Sorry, but I can't recall.

RENNA CURR,  
Wife of Homer A. Curr,  
L. U. 477, San Bernardino, Calif.

#### THE BUCK

He stands there so proud with his head  
held high on the slope of a mountain side,  
And gazing down on a hunters' camp in  
his mind he wonders why?  
Why do these men with their funny red  
hats, their guns that go off with a  
roar,



Come up every season? He knows of no reason, he wishes they'd come no more. He's seen many fall at the hunter's call; his heart would grow heavy each time. His father before him, his son, and his grandson. Their lives just weren't worth a dime. He watches and wonders, his mind is alert, his nose can pick up no scent. He turns and starts walking, he feels relieved, he thinks that these hunters are spent. And then in that instant that he turns his head he can smell it as strong as can be— And in that same instant a crack and a roar; he's been hit; he cannot see.

He starts to run, and then he falls; he doesn't want to give up. He feels so old, he cannot move, and in his throat there's a lump. He thinks of the ones that he had watched fall and the times that he had escaped. But now it's his turn—he lays in his blood, as red as a bullfighter's cape. And as he lays there in a haze he hears someone call, "Come join us! Don't be afraid! For you were king of them all!"

MRS. MERRETT WOLFORD,  
Husband is a member of  
L. U. 1245, San Francisco, Calif.

If you have the "know-how," do not brag. Apply the "show-how" to those who lag!

*A Bit o' Luck,*  
ABE GLICK,  
L. U. 3,  
New York, N. Y.

#### NEARLY ALWAYS

Description of a small town—A community where everybody knows whose check is good and whose husband isn't.

#### HOW TRUE

"Every one of God's creatures is here for a useful purpose. Now what do we learn from the mosquito, Willie?" Willie: "We learn from the mosquito how easy it is to get stung."

A reporter boarded the train carrying the Notre Dame team to the Indiana University game. He'd heard that they carry a chaplain with the team on every game, so he thought he'd get a new slant on a story for tomorrow's paper.

"I understand," he said to the student manager, "that you carry a chaplain to pray for the team."

"Yup. That's right." "I wonder, could I talk to him for a while?"

"Surely. Which one do you want? The offensive chaplain or the defensive chaplain?"

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City Zone State

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Mail to: Editor, Electrical Workers' Journal  
1200 15th Street, N. W., Washington 5, D. C.

Idea submitted by  
Andy Hill, I.R., 5th District

"Gee, Joe, it's sure dull  
at work without you  
clowning around!"



**DON'T TRY TRICKS IN FIFTY SIX!**